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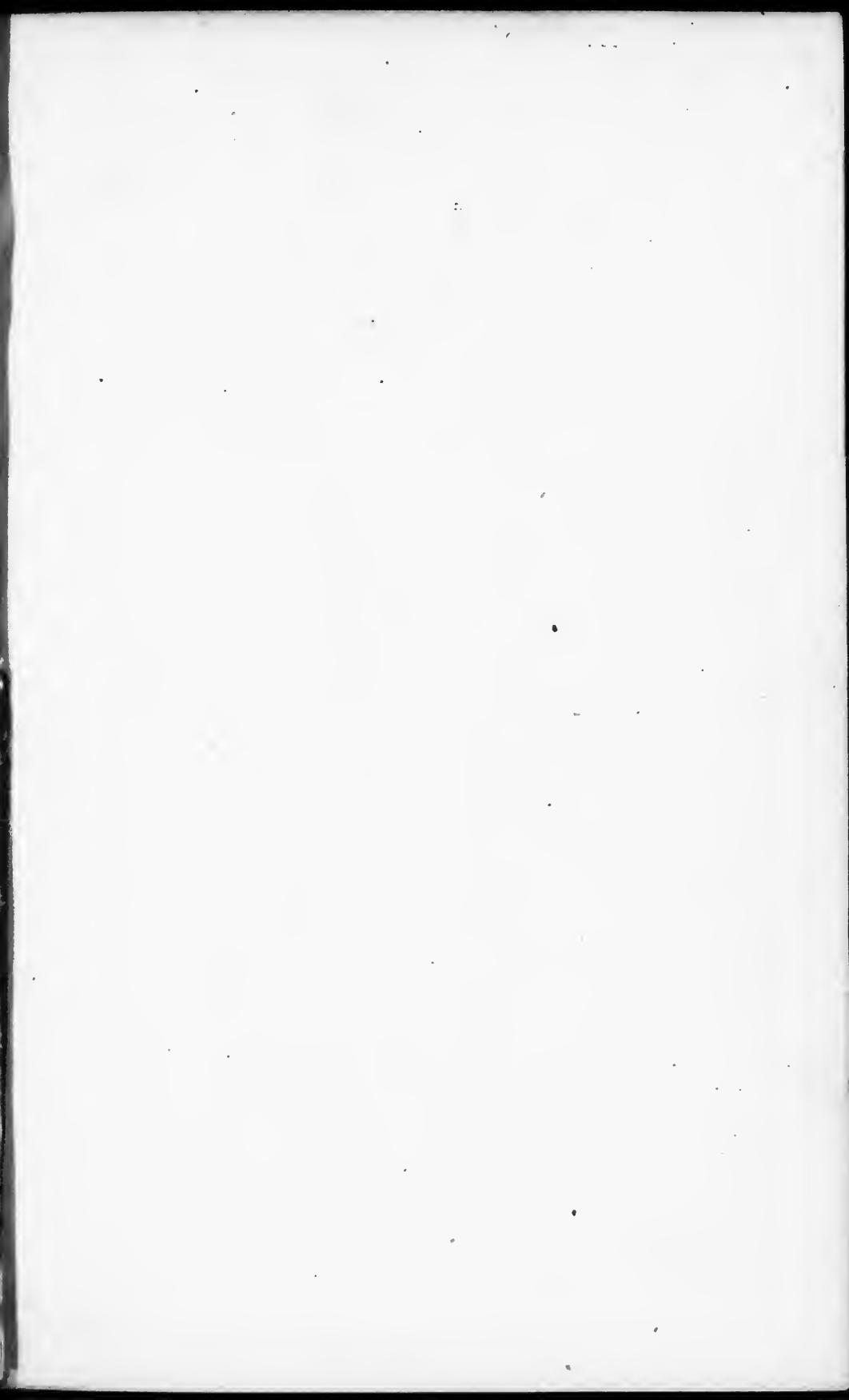
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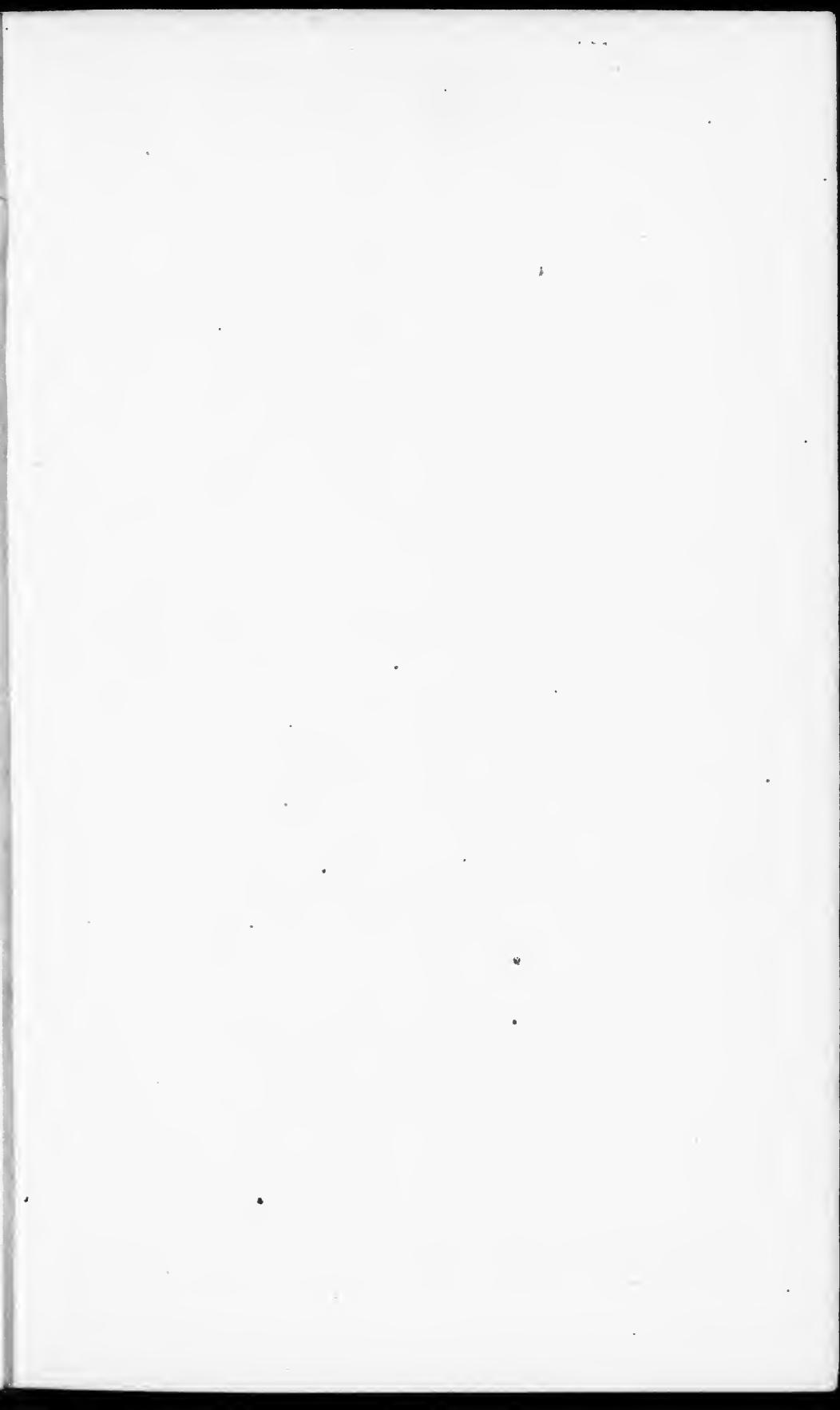


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INTRODUCTION.

This is our "YEAR BOOK" for 1873. It is intended for the members of our beloved Church—to aid in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

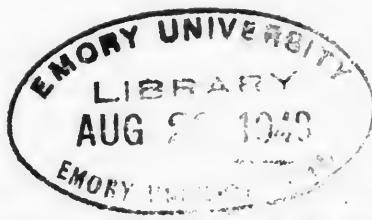
The preachers of the Conference, out of scanty pay—in many cases—have undertaken this publication. Let no member of the Church receive this as a gift from the preachers, for they, in reality, are the publishers.

This is not simply the *minutes* of the Conference, but a publication of the Conference journal and Conference reports on various subjects. We want to perpetuate this ANNUAL from year to year. Fifty years ago, the Holston Conference met in the "town" of Knoxville. Much of its history is lost for want of record. The written journals are—some of them—mislaid or destroyed, and are, at most, very brief. The ANNUAL, if we publish it carefully, will be our record.

We want next year a larger edition and more matter in the book. Let us have the means of publication.

We hope this pamphlet will be read and preserved as a record of Conference action.

J. R. PAYNE, Ass't Secretary.



Journal of Proceedings.

WEDNESDAY, October 15, 1873.

The Fiftieth Session of the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Methodist church, Marion, Va., beginning October 15, 1873, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop John C. Keener in the chair.

After religious services and a brief address by the Bishop, the Secretary of last year called the roll of clerical members, when the following brethren were found to be present, to wit:

J. Atkins, J. K. P. Ball, W. H. Barnes, W. H. Bates, B. W. S. Bishop, John Boring, J. W. Bowman, J. H. Brunner, G. W. Callahan, D. H. Carr, C. T. Carroll, L. L. H. Carlock, W. H. Cooper, J. M. Crismond, F. D. Crumley, W. G. E. Cunningham, B. O. Davis, T. P. Darr, L. C. Delashmit, J. W. Dickey, F. A. Farley, A. J. Frazier, J. T. Frazier, J. L. M. French, G. D. French, T. F. Glenn, G. T. Gray, J. Haskew, T. R. Handy, L. K. Haynes, W. M. Kerr, C. Long, J. R. Long, J. M. McTeer, G. W. Miles, C. K. Miller, W. D. Mitchell, E. W. Moore, W. W. Neal, H. C. Neal, J. S. W. Neel, B. F. Nuckolls, R. H. Parker, J. R. Payne, R. W. Pickens, S. Philips, W. J. Phillips, T. J. Pope, R. N. Price, W. W. Pyott, G. W. Renfro, F. Richardson, W. Robeson, T. T. Salyer, J. Smith, J. T. Smith, T. F. Smith, D. R. Smith, R. E. Smith, G. Stewart, G. Taylor, J. H. Torbett, N. W. Vaughan, E. Vertegans, H. P. Waugh, C. E. Wiggins, E. E. Wiley, S. R. Wheeler, A. E. Woodward.

The roll of lay delegates was then made out as follows:

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT—P. Gallagher, E. C. Hale, J. W. Todd, Rev. F. Alexander.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT—James D. Johnston, James P. Kelly, H. S. Bowen, A. P. Brown.

ABINGDON DISTRICT—R. W. Jones, W. B. Aston, Wm. Richardson, D. F. Bailey.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—A. Lotspeich, G. L. Clay, L. W. Leming, F. W. Earnest.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT—Rev. W. W. Woodward, M. D. Richmond, R. W. Jones, John Mason.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—J. M. Carter, J. H. Roberts, J. W. Gaut, Rev. G. H. Chaffin.

ATHENS DISTRICT—M. A. Cass, W. J. Fowler, A. W. Hodge, A. W. Boyd.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—R. Cravens, Z. T. Watkins, J. C. Wood, G. A. Long.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—S. C. Norwood, P. A. Mitchell, J. E. Sawyer, Rev. J. H. Dennis.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—Rev. J. A. Reagan, R. B. Vance, A. E. Hall, W. E. Weaver.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT—W. W. Stringfield, I. J. Stamper, Joseph Keener, H. H. Davidson.

John W. Paulett, alternate from the Knoxville District, took the place of G. H. Chaffin, absent; and J. K. Irby, alternate from the Asheville District, took his seat in place of A. E. Hall, dec'd.

R. N. Price was chosen Secretary, and J. R. Payne, R. H. Parker, and F. W. Earnest, were elected assistant Secretaries.

The presiding elders, with C. E. Wiggins, representing J. W. Bowman, who was not present, were constituted a committee to nominate the standing committees of the session.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 o'clock,

A. M., and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M., respectively. A bar was designated and members were required to sit within it.

A communication from A. H. Redford, D. D., Book Agent, containing an exhibit of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. A communication from Thomas O. Summers, D. D., Book Editor, was also read and referred to the same committee.

Vacancies in the Committees of Examination were filled, and changes made, so as to cause those committees to stand as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION ON TRIAL—J. L. M. French, G. W. Miles, W. H. Barnes.

FIRST YEAR—E. E. Wiley, S. Philips, T. F. Smith.

SECOND YEAR—S. R. Wheler, R. H. Parker, T. T. Salyer.

THIRD YEAR—R. N. Price, C. K. Miller, W. M. Kerr.

FOURTH YEAR—G. Taylor, W. G. E. Cunningham, B. W. S. Bishop.

The following laymen were appointed on the Committee of Finance:

F. Alexander, H. S. Bowen, R. W. Jones, Amos Lotspeich, W. W. Woodward, J. M. Carter, M. A. Cass, Z. T. Watkins, S. C. Norwood, J. A. Reagan, W. W. Stringfield.

A communication was received from the trustees of Hiwassee College, read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was as follows:

PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. W. Dickey, G. W. Miles, F. Alexander.

EDUCATION—J. S. Burnett, B. W. S. Bishop, J. W. Gaut, Jas. P. Kelly, W. W. Bays, Dr. R. W. Jones, T. J. Pope, S. Philips, J. W. Todd, J. H. Keith, W. W. Stringfield.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. W. Paulett, R. B. Vance, P. S. Sutton, B. F. Nuckolls, D. F. Bailey.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—E. E. Wiley, Peter Gallagher, J. M. Carter, L. L. H. Carlock, J. A. Reagan.

MEMOIRS—F. Richardson, G. W. Miles, C. Long.

TEMPERANCE—W. H. Bates, J. H. Roberts, W. B. Aston.

CHURCH PROPERTY—F. W. Earnest, L. K. Haynes, T. T. Salyer, A. J. Frazier, John Boring.

BIBLE CAUSE—J. Atkins, S. R. Wheeler, Prof. R. W. Jones.

QUESTION FIFTH, "Who are re-admitted?" was taken up, when the following were re-admitted:

D. H. Atkins, J. M. Marshall, Kennerly C. Atkins, Mitchell P. Swaim, W. H. Weaver.

J. N. S. Huffaker, a minister of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, was received as a traveling elder, having subscribed to the doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

The Committee on Public Worship reported preaching by A. J. Frazier, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and by Bishop Keener, at 7 o'clock; the sermon to be followed by the Lord's supper.

QUESTION FIRST, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, when the following were admitted:

From the Estillville circuit, James K. Wolfe; Rye Cove circuit, Samuel S. Weatherly; Dandridge circuit, Isaac H. Hoskins; Tennessee River mission, E. L. Barrett; Waynesville circuit, Joseph H. Sensabaugh.

QUESTION TENTH, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was taken up, when the following were so elected:

J. M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, Wm. M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Adam E. Waggoner, Francis H. Farley, Wm. P. Eakins, Wm. W. Woodward.

After notices, Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, October 16, 1873.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Bishop in the chair. Religious services were conducted by James T. Smith.

The clerical roll was called, and the following, who were not present the preceding day, answered to their names:

W. C. Carden, D. B. Carter, M. L. Clendenen, W. P. Doane, G. W. K. Green, A. Q. Harmon, E. F. Lyons, G. W. Martin, H. J. Morgan, T. Sullins, P. S. Sutton.

The lay roll was then called, and the following answered to their names:

Peter Gallagher, E. C. Hale, F. Alexander, James P. Kelly, H. S. Bowen, A. P. Brown, Prof. R. W. Jones, W. B. Aston, Wm. Richardson, D. F. Bailey, Amos Lotspeich, G. L. Clay, S. W. Leming, F. W. Earnest, W. W. Woodward, J. Mason, J. M. Carter, James H. Roberts, J. W. Gaut, M. A. Cass, W. J. Fowler, A. W. Boyd, Z. T. Watkins, S. C. Norwood.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved.

Wilburn Ross, alternate lay delegate from the Wytheville District, took the place of J. W. Todd, not present; and Patton J. Lockhart, from the Jeffersonville District, took the place of J. D. Johnston, who was absent.

A communication from the editors of the *Holston Methodist* was read, and, on motion of B. W. S. Bishop, was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. Also a communication was received from Rev. Wm. Hicks, editor of the *Religious Herald*, which was read, and, on motion of J. M. McTeer, was referred to the same committee.

Rev. Samuel Alexander, a transfer from the Missouri Conference, was introduced. Rev. J. S. Burnett, transferred from Louisville Conference, was recognized as a member of this body. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced.

The report of the Board of Visitors of Emory and Henry College was read, and, on motion of Wm. Robeson was referred to the Committee on Education.

E. E. Wiley announced that the "Waugh fund" had been paid into his hands as treasurer of the Conference. J. M. McTeer was, at his own request, relieved from the trusteeship of that fund, and E. E. Wiley was appointed trustee in his place, and authorized to invest the money.

QUESTION FIRST, "Who are admitted on trial?" was resumed, when

Isaac S. Ross, from the Leevice mission; W. M. Crawford, from the Jeffersonville station; Frank Smith, from the Bristol station; Winfield S. Jordan and Jacob O. Shelley, from the Chattanooga station; James I. Cash and John W. Robertson, from the Sulphur Springs circuit, were admitted on trial.

QUESTION FIFTH, "Who are re-admitted?" was resumed, when Hezekiah W. Bays and Lawrence M. Renfro were re-admitted.

John Alley was received from the M. E. Church, as a traveling elder, having subscribed to the doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and, on motion of J. N. McTeer, his parchments were recognized.

The following resolution, offered by T. Sullins and W. G. E. Cunnyngham, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Bishop Keener be and he is hereby respectfully requested, at the time and in the manner he may judge the most proper and convenient for himself, to give such information of Mexico and our lately-founded mission there, to this Conference and our friends, as he may judge proper.

QUESTION TENTH, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" was resumed, when Absalom D. Brown and Henry E. Joiner were so elected.

QUESTION FOURTEENTH, "What local preachers are elected elders?" was taken up, when Patton J. Lockhart, G. B. Wells and A. C. Ely were so elected.

QUESTION EIGHTH, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was taken up, when F. W. D. Mays passed, and was transferred to the Columbia Conference.

The following were then elected to deacon's orders:

D. W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, Wm. R. Barnett, John H. Parrott, G. W. Simpson.

Archibald T. Brooks and J. H. Keith, elders, passed.

R. J. Only and G. A. Frazier, already in deacon's orders, passed.

W. B. McElvy and E. H. Bogle passed, and were continued on trial.

A. P. Stair was discontinued.

Notices were then given, and Conference adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 17, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Bishop in the chair. Services were conducted by J. M. Crismond.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, the calling of the rolls was dispensed with; but the following clerical members appeared and took their seats:

D. Sullins, W. W. Bays, W. H. Kelly, J. S. Kennedy; as also M. D. Richmond, lay delegate.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, Missionary Secretary, was read, and, on motion of J. W. Dickey, referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

Dr. A. H. Redford, Book Agent, was introduced.

QUESTION EIGHTH, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was resumed, when J. C. Runyan passed, and was elected deacon. C. B. Fugate passed, and was continued on trial.

Dr. C. K. Marshall, of the Mississippi Conference, was introduced, and made some touching remarks.

QUESTION FOURTH, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was resumed, when the Bishop called before him David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, A. T. Brooks, John H. Parrott, Return J. Only, George W. Simpson, John H. Keith, George A. Frazier, and John C. Runyan, and propounded to them the disciplinary questions, adding appropriate comments and exhortations; whereupon they were severally admitted into full connection.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, at 11, a. m., J. Atkins, jr.; at 7, p. m., C. T. Carroll.

METHODIST CHURCH, 32, p. m., John Boring; 74, p. m., S. Phillips.

BAPTIST CHURCH, 74, p. m., L. K. Haynes.

AFRICAN METHODIST CHURCH, 74, p. m., W. W. Pyott.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, 74, p. m., L. L. H. Carlock.

MT. CARMEL, 74, p. m., P. J. Lockhart.

QUESTION TWELFTH, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was taken up, when George D. French and K. C. Atkins were elected elders. E. W. Marsh and J. K. P. Ball passed, and were continued as deacons of one year.

QUESTION SEVENTH, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was taken up, when the following passed and were continued as deacons of one year: T. R. Handy, Timothy P. Darr, W. D. Mitchell, W. C. Carden, Wiley J. Phillips.

R. E. Smith passed, and was granted a supernumerary relation. N. W. Vaughan passed, and was located at his own request.

G. W. K. Green passed, and further action in his case was postponed.

QUESTION SECOND, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up, when the following passed, and were continued on trial: Leander W. Thompson, W. H. Price, John M. Wolfe, and John H. Kennedy.

A circular from Dr. A. H. Redford, Book Agent, was read; whereupon Dr. Redford, Bishop Keener, and others addressed the Conference in relation to the late acts of the Publishing House. The following resolution, drawn up by W. M. Kerr, were then adopted:

Received, That, as soon as we shall arrive at the several appointments which we shall receive, we will visit our people and try to sell one hundred dollars worth of our publications, and that we will transmit, if possible, at least the above amount within thirty days, or at farthest, within ninety days after we shall have reached our destinations.

Resolved, That the lay members of this body are invited to co-operate with the preachers in carrying out the purposes of this resolution.

The following resolution, offered by F. W. Earnest, J. W. Gaut and T. Sullins, was adopted :

Resolved, That the members of this Conference request Rev. W. G. E. Cunningham to furnish us for publication a copy of the Conference sermon, delivered in the Methodist church, Marion, Va., on the evening of October 16, 1873, and recommend its publication with the minutes, if practicable.

A communication from the trustees of Sullins College was received, and, on motion of R. N. Price, referred to the Committee on Education.

Notices having been given, Conference adjourned with benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Bishop in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by J. Haskew.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

A communication from the Southwestern Book and Publishing Company was read, and, in accordance with a request in that communication, W. M. Kerr was appointed to secure subscriptions for the *Southern Review* and *St. Louis Christian Advocate*.

A communication from J. R. Payne, in relation to the publication of the minutes, was read and referred to a committee, consisting of B. W. S. Bishop and J. R. Payne, with instructions to report whether a sufficient amount of subscriptions for the minutes could be procured to justify publication.

A communication from Dr. W. E. Munsey was read; whereupon the following resolution, offered by E. E. Wiley and Frank Richardson, was adopted :

Resolved, That this Conference does hereby tender to Dr. Munsey its hearty Christian sympathies in his deep affliction, and will earnestly beseech the great Head of the Church to restore him speedily to his former health and usefulness.

John Hoge, in lieu of J. D. Johnston, lay delegate of Jeffersonville District, appeared and took the seat occupied up to that time by P. J. Lockhart.

The following resolution, offered by H. C. Neal and S. Philips, was adopted :

Resolved, That brother John Reynolds, be and is hereby requested to preach a semi-Centennial Sermon at the next session of the Conference.

The name of G. W. K. Green was called and he was continued as a Deacon of one year.

QUESTION SECOND, "Who remain on trial?" was resumed when J. W. Smith, B. R. Wilburn, Edward S. Shelley, Jos. B. Davis, W. H. Dawn; Jas. Atkins, Jr., J. R. Hixon, S. T. M. McPherson, J. A. Bilderback, passed and were continued on trial.

P. P. McLean, D. W. Rucker, R. A. Hutsell, A. Kincaid, J. M. McCampbell, passed and were continued as of the class of the first year.

F. P. McGee, passed and was discontinued at his own request. The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1873.

METHODIST CHURCH, 3½, p. m., G. W. Callahan.

PR. SBYTERIAN CHURCH, 11, a. m., R. H. Parker; 3½ p. m., J. L. M. French.

BAPTIST CHURCH, 11, a. m., D. W. Carter.

AFRICAN METHODIST CHURCH, 3½, p. m., J. H. Keith.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, 7, p. m., L. W. Thompson.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, 7, p. m., N. W. Vaughan.

GREENWOOD CHURCH, W. J. Phillips.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY AT METHODIST CHURCH, Dr. Marshall and Bishop Keener.

PR. SBYTERIAN CHURCH, Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Redford, J. Atkins, sr., to take the collection.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1873.

METHODIST CHURCH, 9, a. m., Conference Love Feast, conducted by D. B. Carter.

METHODIST CHURCH, 11, a. m., Bishop Keener.

METHODIST CHURCH, 3½, p. m., Sunday School Jubilee, Dr. Redford, R. B. Vance and Dr. Marshall, speakers.

METHODIST CHURCH, 7, p. m., Dr. W. E. Munsey.

PR. SBYTERIAN CHURCH, 11, a. m., Dr. Redford.

PR. SBYTERIAN CHURCH, 3½, p. m., Jas. Atkins, sr.

PR. SBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7, p. m., W. W. Bays.

BAPTIST CHURCH, 11, a. m., F. E. Wiley.

BAPTIST CHURCH, 3½, p. m., J. S. Kennedy.

BAPTIST CHURCH, 7, p. m., J. H. Brumner.

MT. CARMEL, 7, p. m., J. Boring.

GREENWOOD, 11, a. m., W. C. Carden.

AFRICAN METHODIST, 11, a. m., J. M. Crismond; 3½, p. m., J. T. Smith; 7, p. m., F. D. Crumley.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, 11, a. m., T. T. Salyer; 3½, p. m., G. T. Gray; 7, p. m., J. H. Parrott.

Dr. W. E. Munsey, local preacher of the Baltimore Conference, Rev. H. W. Leslie of the same Conference, and J. T. Heitman of the North Carolina Conference, were introduced.

W. M. Kerr, made remarks in relation to the *Southern Review*.

QUESTION FOURTEENTH, "What local preachers are elected Elders?" was resumed, when Wiley D. Hale was so elected.

Wm. Robeson announced the withdrawal from the Church of W. C. Bowman, a local Elder of the Bakersville circuit, and presented his parchments to be placed on file.

Prof. J. L. Buchanan presented and read the report of the Board of Visitors of Martha Washington College, and on motion of J. M. McTeer, it was referred to the Committee on Education, and said committee was instructed to report what changes in the charter and constitution of the College are necessary to give the Conference complete control of the property of the institution.

On motion of W. H. Bates, Conference resolved to hold an afternoon session, beginning at 3 o'clock, to elect delegates to General Conference.

Notices given, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1873.

Conference met at 3, p. m., the Bishop in the chair. Religious services were conducted by J. W. Dickey.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

According to previous order, Conference proceeded to the election of Delegates to the next General Conference.

The Secretary announced that there were one hundred and twenty-four clerical members, and forty-four lay members of Conference, and the Bishop decided the Conference entitled to six clerical and six lay delegates to the General Conference.

D. Sullins and W. H. Bates were appointed tellers in the clerical election, and R. B. Vance and J. P. Kelly were appointed tellers in the lay election.

The Bishop called E. E. Wiley to the chair to preside during the election.

The elections were conducted in due form, and resulted as follows:

On the first ballot for clerical delegates, R. N. Price, C. Long, E. E. Wiley and J. M. McTeer were elected.

On the second ballot, there was no election.

The first ballot for lay delegates, resulted in the election of H. S. Bowen, W. W. Stringfield, and J. W. Gault.

On the second ballot there was no election.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 20, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., the Bishop in the chair. Religious services were conducted by B. W. S. Bishop. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

A letter from Bishop Early to Bishop Keener, inquiring after the welfare of the Conference, was read, and on motion of E. E. Wiley, the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee of two to report a suitable response. E. E. Wiley and J. M. McTeer were appointed that committee.

The Bishop presented certificates showing that he had ordained, Oct. 19, 1873, the following brethren:

TRAVELING DEACONS—David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, William D. Mountcastle, William R. Barnett, John H. Parrott, Geo. W. Simpson, John C. Runyan.
LOCAL DEACONS—John M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, William M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Francis H. Farley, William P. Eakin, William W. Woodward.

TRAVELING ELDER—George D. French, Kennerly C. Atkins.

LOCAL ELDER—Patton J. Lockhart, Wiley D. Hale, George A. Reynolds.

QUESTION TWENTIETH: "Are all the preachers blameless in life

and official administration?" was taken up, when the following Elders passed :

B. W. S. Bishop, G. W. Callahan, B. F. Nuckolls, F. D. Crumley, G. W. Miles, J. W. Dickey, H. C. Neal, J. T. Frazier, E. Vertegans, W. H. Kelly, T. F. Smith, A. Q. Harnion, Geo. Stewart, W. H. Barnes, F. A. Farley, W. P. Doane, J. H. Torbett, E. E. Wiley, J. A. Davis, W. G. E. Cunningham, D. Sullins, E. W. Moore, J. L. M. French, H. P. Waugh, J. M. Crismond, A. J. Frazier, M. L. Clendenen, James Mahoney, G. Taylor, J. S. Brnnett, R. N. Price, Jacob Smith, L. C. Delashmit, P. S. Sutton, D. R. Smith, D. B. Carter, C. T. Carroll, F. Richardson.

R. M. Hickey, W. Hicks, and J. D. Baldwin passed, and were continued in a supernumerary relation. J. Haskew passed, and was continued in a superannuated relation.

The Committee, appointed by the presiding elder of the Abingdon District, to investigate rumors affecting the character of W. P. Queen, reported that there were not sufficient grounds for charges. On motion of G. Stewart, the Conference adopted the report, the character of W. P. Queen passed, and he was located at his own request.

The name of W. B. Winton having been called, a letter from him to J. M. McTeer was read. His character passed, and he was continued in a superannuated relation.

The following resolutions, offered by G. Stewart, R. N. Price and F. W. Earnest, were adopted :

Resolved, That the members of this Conference do remember our brother W. B. Winton with the most profound affection, and that we will pray much for him that his last days may be his best, and that he may receive a great reward in Heaven.

Resolved, That J. M. McTeer be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to him, with such contributions to his support as the brethren may voluntarily make.

Immediately upon adoption of these resolutions, the brethren placed \$58.00 in the hands of J. M. McTeer, for the purpose specified.

Dr. Redford addressed the Conference in the interest of the Publishing House.

Dr. Cox, President of Christiansburg Female Institute, addressed the Conference in relation to his school.

On motion of G. W. Miles, Conference resolved to hold an afternoon session, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Notices given, Conference adjourned with benediction.

MONDAY, October 20, 1873.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, p. m., in pursuance to adjournment, E. E. Wiley in the chair, by request of the Bishop. Religious services were conducted by John H. Hoge.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

John McClure, alternate from Morristown District, appeared and took his seat, vice M. D. Richmond, absent.

Conference then proceeded to the election of the remaining delegates to the General Conference. D. Sullins and W. H. Bates

were continued as tellers in the clerical election; and R. B. Vance and Prof. R. W. Jones were appointed tellers in the lay election. The following was the result in the clerical election: On the third ballot, W. G. E. Cunningham was elected. On the fourth ballot, James S. Kennedy was elected. At this juncture, it was moved, by W. M. Kerr, that in the fifth ballot the two obtaining the greatest number of votes should be declared elected, and the motion carried. The ballot was then taken and resulted in the election, as alternates, of James Atkins and F. Richardson.

The lay election resulted as follows: On the third ballot, Prof. R. W. Jones was elected. On the fourth ballot, John W. Paulett and F. W. Earnest were elected. On motion of Prof. R. W. Jones, it was ordered that, in the next ballot, the two receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected alternates. The fifth ballot was then taken, and resulted in the election of James P. Kelly and A. W. Boyd.

A resolution, in relation to the appointment of R. N. Price to the *Holston Methodist*, was offered by C. T. Carroll and S. Philips. B. W. S. Bishop proposed a substitute, appointing R. N. Price to the *Holston Methodist*, and Wm. Hicks to the *Religious Herald*; but, on motion of W. H. Bates, the whole subject was laid on the table to await the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

On motion of J. W. Dickey, the Board of Finance were directed to estimate the expenses of delegates to General Conference, and to apportion the same among the districts.

The committee appointed to draft a resolution of sympathy with Bishop Early, presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we rejoice to learn through a letter to Bishop Keener, read before the Conference this morning, that our venerable and beloved Bishop Early still lingers on the shores of time, though "in age and feebleness extreme," and that he is so sensibly realizing from day to day the sustaining grace of God. We gratefully remember his long and eminent services in our Church in the varied positions he has occupied. We will not fail to implore our common Heavenly Father to grant him the consolations of the gospel in his infirmities, a peaceful transit to the close of his useful life, and a triumphant entrance into his heavenly home.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Bishop Early by the Secretary.

Notices given, Conference adjourned with benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, October 21, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., the Bishop in the chair. Religious services were conducted by John Boring. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

E. E. Wiley read report No. 1 of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, and, on motion of F. W. Earnest, it was adopted. See report.

A resolution in reference to the weekly *Religious Herald*, offered by W. M. Kerr and B. W. S. Bishop, was adopted. The Committee on Books and Periodicals adopted these resolutions as part of their report. See report.

QUESTION TWENTIETH was resumed, when the following elders passed :

R. H. Parker, E. F. Lyons, S. R. Wheeler, T. T. Salyer, J. R. Payne, L. K. Haynes, D. H. Carr, W. W. Pyott, J. T. Smith, R. A. Giddens, J. H. Brunner, C. Loug, W. W. Bays, B. O. Davis, L. L. H. Carlock, James Atkins, Geo. T. Gray, G. W. Renfro, W. L. Turner, W. W. Neal, J. Boring, G. W. Martin, J. W. Bird, T. J. Pope, W. M. Kerr, W. H. Cooper, J. S. Kennedy, W. H. Davis, C. E. Wiggins, T. F. Glenn, J. S. W. Neel, J. A. Wiggins, H. J. Morgan, J. R. Long, J. W. Bowman.

The following passed, and were granted a supernumerary relation :

C. K. Miller, Sewell Phillips, H. W. Marsh, R. W. Pickens, John Reynolds, A. E. Woodward, Wm. Robeson.

The following were granted a superannuated relation :

L. W. Crouch, Timothy Sullins, Jacob Brilhart.

J. R. Stradley passed, and was located at his own request.

W. B. McKelvy and P. P. McLean were discontinued at their own request.

On motion of J. M. McTeer, the Parent Board of Missions was requested to take under its charge the Echota Indian mission in North Carolina.

The following resolution, presented by James W. Dickey and W. M. Kerr, was adopted :

Resolved, That the preachers of the districts of the Conference be requested to collect \$500 during the coming year, for the Echota Indian mission, and the Board of Missions be directed to apportion said amount among the districts.

As preparatory to the report of the Committee on Memoirs, the Bishop gave out, and the Conference joined in singing, the 739th hymn.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was then read by G. W. Miles; it consisted wholly of a sketch of Rev. J. L. McGhee, deceased. After the reading of the report, appropriate remarks were made by G. W. Miles, J. M. McTeer, John H. Brunner, C. T. Carroll and J. T. Smith. The report was then adopted. See report.

On motion of G. Stewart, it was resolved, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Notices given, Conference adjourned with benediction.

TUESDAY, October 21, 1873.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted

by J. H. Brunner. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A motion by E. E. Wiley, to reconsider the resolution adopted in the morning session, in relation to the weekly *Religious Herald*, was lost.

F. Alexander read the report of the Committee on Finance and it was adopted. See report.

The appropriations of the Conference fund made by the Committee were deposited for safe conveyance as follows:

For J. Haskew, with self	\$25.00
For Mrs. Mattie McGhee, with John H. Brunner	60.00
For Mrs. J. G. Swisher, with Return J. Only	120.00
For Mrs. W. W. Smith, with John W. Gaut	60.00
For Timothy Sullins, with Carroll Long	50.00
For Daniel B. Carter, with self	20.00
For Mrs. Charles Mitchell, with W. D. Mitchell	60.00
For Mrs. W. Boring, with J. H. Torbett	60.00
For Miss Bettie Waggoner, with B. F. Nuckolls	25.00
For Mrs. E. A. Patton, with Richard N. Price	30.00
For Brother Ballew's children, with Robert B. Vance	30.00
For Mrs. Mary Goodykoontz, with R. H. Parker	35.00
For Mrs. Mary Fleming, with R. H. Parker	50.00
For Mrs. R. M. Stevens, with G. W. K. Green	65.90
For Mrs. T. K. Munsey, with J. Atkins, Sr.,	175.00
For Mrs. U. Keener, with J. R. Long	41.00
For Mrs. O. F. Cunningham, with W. Robeson	100.00
For L. W. Crouch, with W. D. Mountcastle	10.00
For Mrs. E. K. Hutsell, with Robert B. Vance	10.00
For J. Brilhart, with W. W. Pyott	20.00
For W. B. Winon, with J. M. McTeer	100.00
For Samuel B. Harwell, with S. Phillips	10.00
For Mrs. W. K. Foster, with D. H. Carr	35.00

Rev. J. R. Payne read the statistical report, which, on motion, was adopted. See report.

John W. Paulett read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. On motion of W. M. Kerr, the resolution providing for a general Sunday School Convention was stricken out. A resolution by W. H. Bates, providing for District Sunday School Conventions, was lost. The report, as thus amended, was then adopted.

J. W. Dickey made his report as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions, which was adopted. See report.

Conference then proceeded to elect the place of the next session. Asheville, Knoxville, Athens and Jonesboro were severally nominated. After some discussion, Athens and Jonesboro were withdrawn. The vote being taken, the choice fell on Asheville.

James P. Kelly read the report of the Committee on Education. See report.

The following resolution, offered by D. Sullins and J. S. Burnett, was adopted:

Resolved. That hereafter in the examination of character, each preacher in charge shall be expected to read a report giving an account of his year's work, in-

cluding in this report all the facts required by the various committees of Conference.

A resolution was offered by R. N. Price, D. Sullins, H. S. Bowen and F. W. Earnest, memorializing the General Conference in relation to a law for the election of Sunday School Superintendents. Pending the consideration of this resolution, Conference adjourned with benediction, to meet at 7, p. m.

TUESDAY, October 21, 1873.

Conference met at 7 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair. Religious services were conducted by J. S. Kennedy.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, the report of the Committee on Education was taken up.

The portion of the report in relation to Emory and Henry College was taken up first, and, after much discussion, adopted.

The part of the report relating to Martha Washington College, after amendment, was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by W. H. Bates and J. Atkins, was adopted :

Resolved, That we, as members of this Conference and friends of Martha Washington College, solemnly pledge ourselves to use our earnest efforts to send, each, one or more pupils to Martha Washington College the ensuing year.

A motion was made by George Stewart, that the Conference finish the business during the evening. A substitute, offered by G. W. Miles, proposing that when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., on the next day, was lost. The original motion was then adopted.

Conference then took up the portion of the educational report relating to Hiwassee College, which was adopted. The portion of the report referring to Asheville Female College was read.

The following resolution, offered by W. W. Stringfield, was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of two preachers and one layman (presiding elder of Asheville District, preacher-in-charge of Asheville station, and Dr. J. A. Beagin) be appointed to consult with the Directors of Asheville Female College, to the end that this valuable school property may be saved to us as a Conference. Said committee to report result of labors at next Conference to meet at that place.

The portion of the report relating to Asheville Female College was then adopted. The portion in regard to Sullins College was adopted. The part referring to Weaverville High School was adopted. The report, as a whole, was then adopted. See report.

F. W. Earnest presented the report of the Committee on Church property. The recapitulation by districts was read.

The report was then adopted as a whole. See report.

On motion of B. W. S. Bishop, it was resolved that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The Bishop announced the following Board of Finance:

DISTRICT.	CLERICAL.	LAYMEN.
Wytheville District	Benjamin F. Nuckoll's,	Frank Alexander.
Jeffersonville	Henry C. Neal,	Henry S. Bowen.
Abingdon	Phillip S. Sutton,	Wm. B. Aston.
Jonesboro	M. L. Clendenen,	F. W. Earnest.
Morristown	Jacob Smith,	M. D. Richmond.
Knoxville	G. W. K. Green,	J. M. Carter.
Athens	W. W. Pyott,	A. W. Boyd.
Chattanooga	L. L. H. Carlock,	Z. T. Watkins.
Pikeville	L. K. Haynes,	S. C. Norwood.
Asheville	J. W. Bird,	Robert B. Vance.
Franklin	Wm. M. Kerr,	W. W. Stringfield.

Notices were then given, and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 1873.

Conference met at 9, o'clock a. m., the Bishop in the Chair. Services were conducted by G. T. Gray. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

F. W. Earnest, Secretary, read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted as a whole. See report.

The Committee on the publication of minutes reported that a sufficient subscription had been obtained to justify the publication of the minutes.

F. Alexander read a supplemental report of the Board of Finance, showing payments made to the Bishop. The report was adopted. See report.

The Secretary read a resolution offered by E. W. Moore, W. H. Bates, and J. P. Kelly, memorializing the General Conference on the subject of Missions. The resolution was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That we do hereby memorialize the next General Conference to change the law in regard to the division of missionary money between the Parent Board and Conference Boards, and in lieu thereof to provide for a graduated scale of percentage, based upon a consideration of the numbers and expensiveness of the missions in the several Conferences, and the ability of each Conference to raise missionary money, and that our delegates be instructed to lay this resolution before said General Conference.

The following resolution, offered by R. B. Vance and W. G. F. Cunningham, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a memorial to the next General Conference, on the subject of District High Schools, asking that they to incorporate in the law of the Church the system adopted by Holston Conference.

The following resolution, offered by R. N. Price, D. Sullins, H. S. Bowen, F. W. Ernest, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference, through their delegates, do memorialize the

General Conference, to assemble in Louisville, Kentucky, in May 1874, to enact a law for the election or appointment of Superintendents of Sunday Schools.

The following resolution, offered by F. W. Farnest and James Atkins, was adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Conference, Sunday School Superintendents should be nominated by the presbyter in charge, and elected by the quarterly Conference, annually.

On motion of E. E. Wiley, Conference adopted a paper, containing a memorial to the Congress of the United States, in regard to a claim of the Publishing House against the Government. See report.

E. E. Wiley, read report No. 2 of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. On motion of F. W. Farnest, the report was adopted as a whole. See report.

The following resolution, offered by J. M. McTeer, G. W. Miles, H. W. Moore and J. H. Kelly, was also adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Conference are instructed to urge upon the General Conference to convene in Louisville, Kentucky, in May next, to insert the boundaries of the several Annual Conferences in the Discipline of the Church.

J. Atkins read the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause. On motion of W. Hebrew, it was adopted as a whole. See report.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens, congregations of the town, and the civil authorities, were adopted by a rising vote. See report.

The Committee on Public Worship appointed G. W. Callahan to preach the next Conference sermon.

The Bishop delivered a short address, read the appointments for the ensuing year, held religious services, and on motion, Conference adjourned.

J. C. KEENIN, President.

R. N. Price, Secretary.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. K. Wolfe, S. S. Weatherly, Isaac H. Hoskins, E. L. Barrett, J. H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, Wm. M. Crawford, B. Frank Smith, W. S. Jordan, Jacob O. Shelley, James I. Cash, J. W. Robertson—12.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

ANSWER. L. W. Thompson, J. M. Wolfe, W. H. Price, J. H. Kennedy, J. W. Smith, B. R. Wilburn, E. S. Shelley, Joseph B. Davis, E. H. Bogle, W. H. Dawn, James Atkins, Jr., J. R. Hixon, S. T. M. McPherson, J. A. Bilderbäck and C. B. Fugate; also, D. W. Rucker, R. A. Hutsell, A. Kincaid, J. M. McCampbell, as of the first year—19.

QUESTION 3. Who are discontinued?

ANSWER. Frank P. McGee, A. P. Stair, P. P. McLean, W. B. McKelvy—4.

QUESTION 4. Who are admitted to full connection?

ANSWER. David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, A. T. Brooks, R. J. Only, J. H. Keith, George W. Simpson, George A. Frazier, J. C. Runyan—11.

QUESTION 5. Who are re-admitted?

ANSWER. D. H. Atkins, J. M. Marshall, K. C. Atkins, M. P. Swaim, W. H. Weaver, H. W. Bays, L. M. Renfro; J. N. S. Huffaker and John Alley were received from M. E. Church—9.

QUESTION 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

ANSWER. S. Alexander, J. S. Barnett, J. H. Robinson*—3.

QUESTION 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

ANSWER. Thomas R. Handy, Timothy P. Darr, W. D. Mitchell, W. C. Carden, Wiley J. Phillips, G. W. K. Green, J. K. P. Ball, E. W. Marsh—8.

QUESTION 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

ANSWER. D. W. Carter, J. P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, G. W. Simpson, J. C. Runyan—7.

QUESTION 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

ANSWER. David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, G. W. Simpson, J. C. Runyan—7.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

*Not mentioned in the journal.

ANSWER. J. M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, W. M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Adam E. Waggoner, Francis H. Farley, W. P. Eakin, W. W. Woodward, A. D. Brown, H. E. Joiner—11.

QUESTION 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

ANSWER. J. M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, W. M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Francis H. Farley, W. P. Eakin, W. W. Woodward—8.

QUESTION 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

ANSWER. George D. French, Kennerly C. Atkins—2.

QUESTION 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

ANSWER. George D. French, Kennerly C. Atkins—2.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

ANSWER. Patton J. Lockhart, G. B. Wells, A. C. Ely, Wiley D. Hale—4.

QUESTION 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

ANSWER. Patton J. Lockhart, Wiley D. Hale, George A. Reynolds—3.

QUESTION 16. Who are located this year?

ANSWER. N. W. Vaughan, W. P. Queen, J. R. Stradley—3.

QUESTION 17. Who are supernumerary?

ANSWER. R. E. Smith, R. M. Hickey, Wm. Hicks, J. D. Baldwin, C. K. Miller, Sewell Philips, E. W. Marsh, R. W. Pickens, John Reynolds, A. E. Woodward, Wm. Robeson—11.

QUESTION 18. Who are superannuated?

ANSWER. Joseph Haskew, W. B. Winton, L. W. Crouch, T. Sullins, Jacob Brilhart, S. B. Harwell,* H. M. Bennett.*

QUESTION 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

ANSWER. Joseph L. McGhee. See report.

QUESTION 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

ANSWER. Their names were severally called in open Conference and all passed.

QUESTION 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

ANSWER. Local Preachers, 291; White Members, 35,205; Indian Members, 128; Colored Members, 117. See statistical table.

QUESTION 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER. 1,208. See statistical table.

QUESTION 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER. 1,940. See statistical table.

QUESTION 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

ANSWER. 418. See statistical table.

*Not mentioned in the journal.

QUESTION 25. What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

ANSWER. 2,417. See statistical table.

QUESTION 26. What is the number of Sunday School scholars?

ANSWER. 18,123. See statistical table.

QUESTION 27. What amount is given out for the superintendents preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

ANSWER. \$1,399.

QUESTION 28. What has been expended on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER. \$1,171—applied as follows:

J. Brilhart, \$20.00; W. D. White, \$100.00; L. W. Crouch, \$10.00; T. Sullins, \$50.00; W. D. Carter, \$20.00; S. R. Merwell, \$10.00; Joseph Haskins, \$50.00; Mrs. A. M. Blevins, \$50.00; Mrs. D. Fleming, \$50.00; Mrs. A. H. Clegg (deceased), \$50.00; Mrs. W. Boring, \$60.00; Mrs. W. W. Sharp, \$10.00; Mrs. C. Mitchell, \$60.00; Mrs. J. G. Swisher, \$10.00; Mrs. F. K. Murray, \$175.00; Mrs. E. K. Hutsell, \$10.00; Mr. J. C. Green, \$10.00; Mrs. O. F. Cunningham, \$100.00; Mrs. W. A. Petton, \$20.00; Mrs. J. L. McGhee, \$60.00; Mrs. W. R. Foster, \$65.00; Miss Pettie Waggs, \$25.00; Brother Ballew's children, \$30.00.

QUESTION 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

ANSWER. \$3,312.50. This does not include special collections for China, Mexico, &c.

QUESTION 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

ANSWER. Asheville, North Carolina.

QUESTION 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT—George W. Miles, P. E.

Wytheville Station—David W. Carter.

Wytheville Circuit—Benjamin W. S. Fisher, D. Frank Smith.

Newbern Circuit—William H. Price, Jno. D. O. Shelley.

Hillsville Circuit—Leander W. Thompson.

Jacksonville Circuit and Flo. d'Ms. ion—Daniel W. Mueller.

Grayson Circuit—Benjamin F. Nuckolls.

Jefferson Circuit—Edward Vergeair, Joseph B. Davis.

Marion Circuit—James W. Fickey.

Watauga Circuit—William L. Turner.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT—George J. Carter, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station—Henry C. Nease.

Liberty Hill Circuit—P. R. Wilford, one to be supplied by P. L. Lockhart.

East Tazewell Circuit—Jacob T. Price, W. S. Weatherly.

Pearisburg Circuit—Palms F. Surratt.

Seddon Circuit—John M. Cissne, William Hicks, superintendents.

Princeton Circuit—Ayres Kinnard.

Bluestone Circuit—William M. Loveland.

McPowell Mission—To be supplied.

Buchanan Circuit—Isaac S. Hays.

Religious Herald—William Hays, editor.

ABINGDON DISTRICT—Enoch W. Moore, P. E.

Abingdon Station—Jackson F. Burnett.

Abingdon Circuit—William P. Peane.

Emory Circuit—Daniel H. Atkins.

Bristol Station—Robert H. Parker.
 Bristol Circuit—George T. Gray, Robert H. Smith, supernumerary.
 Calhoun Circuit—Frederick Alexander.
 Dahl's Garden Circuit—William L. Kelly.
 Decherd Circuit—Philip S. Weston.
 Dickensonville Circuit—Franklin W. Bays.
 Elizabethtown Circuit—Joseph H. Burkett.
 Glendale Circuit—James K. Wolfe.
 Madison Mission—James C. Harvey.
 Madison and Henry College—H. C. Wilb. President; J. A. Davis, Professor.
 Phillips College—Dr. W. H. H. Scott, President.
 Albion, W. Va., Franklin—George A. Frazier, Principal.
 Jefferson Circuit—James H. Tuckett, Jr.
 Jonesboro Circuit—James H. Tuckett.
 Lawrenceburg Circuit—James H. Tuckett.
 Letcher County Circuit—James L. T. Johnson, Will, Relation, supernumerary.
 Lincoln County Circuit—W. A. Johnson.
 Cynthiana Circuit—Franklin W. Bays.
 Princeton Circuit—W. A. Johnson.
 Henry and Green Circuit—James H. Tuckett.
 C. H. French's Circuit—James H. Tuckett.
 Hillsdale Station—William Phillips.
 Big Lanesville Station—W. C. Hedges.
 Maysville District—John H. Hedges.
 Washington and Maysville District—John L. M. French.
 Mountaineer Circuit—Daniel R. Caver, Richard N. Price.
 Knob Creek Circuit—James C. Hoskins.
 Banks Station Circuit—Frederick Smith.
 Biggersville Circuit—Edgar J. Phillips.
 Kingsport Circuit—Lester C. Johnson.
 Rice Cove Circuit—William H. Barnes.
 Bear Creek Valley Circuit—David P. Smith.
 Louisville Circuit—Francis A. Cushing, Alexander E. Woodward, sup'y.
 Tazewell Circuit—William H. Barnes, J. B. Baldwin, supernumerary.
16th to 30th—Richard N. Price, editor.
 Knob Creek District—Joseph L. Price.
 Jonesville Circuit—Joseph L. Price, Jr., George D. French.
 Knob Creek District—George D. French.
 Knob Creek, Henry Street Station and City Mission—Ed. F. Lyons.
 Morgan and Lewisville Circuit—George W. K. Green, John C. Runyan.
 Knob Creek Circuit—Joseph L. Price.
 Clinton Circuit—J. M. Mansfield.
 Maynardville Circuit—Robert A. Hedges.
 Jacksboro Circuit—Frank Richardson, Charles K. Miller, supernumerary.
 Danbridge Circuit—J. S. W. Neal, J. H. Kennedy, J. N. S. Huffaker, sup'y.
 Sevierville Circuit—William H. Caver.
 Athens District—John M. McFerrin, P. E.
 Athens Station—William C. Anderson.
 Athens Circuit—Daniel R. Caver.
 Woodstock Circuit—William W. Pastore, L. M. Hickey, supernumerary.
 Philadelphia and Local Circuit—J. H. Keith.
 Madisonville Circuit—Thomas R. Hendry.
 Decatur Circuit—Tele T. Salter.
 Picaville Circuit—William D. Monteagle.
 Eleanor and Telico Mission—James T. Smith.
 Tennessee River Mission—Isaac L. Barrett.
 Hiwassee College—John H. Brunner, President.
 CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—James Atkins, sr., P. E.
 Chattanooga Station—William W. Bays.
 South Chattanooga Station—J. K. P. Ball.
 Coltewah Circuit—B. O. Davis.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. J. K. Wolfe, S. S. Weatherly, Isaac H. Hoskins, E. L. Barrett, J. H. Sensabaugh, Isaac S. Ross, Wm. M. Crawford, B. Frank Smith, W. S. Jordan, Jacob O. Shelley, James I. Cash, J. W. Robertson—12.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

ANSWER. L. W. Thompson, J. M. Wolfe, W. H. Price, J. H. Kennedy, J. W. Smith, B. R. Wilburn, E. S. Shelley, Joseph B. Davis, E. H. Bogle, W. H. Dawn, James Atkins, jr., J. R. Hixon, S. T. M. McPherson, J. A. Bilderbäck and C. B. Fugate; also, D. W. Rucker, R. A. Hutsell, A. Kincaid, J. M. McCampbell, as of the first year—19.

QUESTION 3. Who are discontinued?

ANSWER. Frank P. McGee, A. P. Stair, P. P. McLean, W. B. McKelvy—4.

QUESTION 4. Who are admitted to full connection?

ANSWER. David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, A. T. Brooks, R. J. Only, J. H. Keith, George W. Simpson, George A. Frazier, J. C. Runyan—11.

QUESTION 5. Who are re-admitted.

ANSWER. D. H. Atkins, J. M. Marshall, K. C. Atkins, M. P. Swaim, W. H. Weaver, H. W. Bays, L. M. Renfro; J. N. S. Huffaker and John Alley were received from M. E. Church—9.

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ANSWER. D. W. Carter, J. P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, G. W. Simpson, J. C. Runyan—7.

QUESTION 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

ANSWER. David W. Carter, John P. Dickey, W. D. Mountcastle, W. R. Barnett, J. H. Parrott, G. W. Simpson, J. C. Runyan—7.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

*Not mentioned in the journal.

ANSWER. J. M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, W. M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Adam E. Waggoner, Francis H. Farley, W. P. Eakin, W. W. Woodward, A. D. Brown, H. E. Joiner—11.

QUESTION 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

ANSWER. J. M. Scott, Levi Brown, Edward Shelley, W. M. Crawford, Isaac N. Boyd, Francis H. Farley, W. P. Eakin, W. W. Woodward—8.

QUESTION 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

ANSWER. George D. French, Kennerly C. Atkins—2.

QUESTION 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

ANSWER. George D. French, Kennerly C. Atkins—2.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

ANSWER. Patton J. Lockhart, G. B. Wells, A. C. Ely, Wiley D. Hale—4.

QUESTION 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

ANSWER. Patton J. Lockhart, Wiley D. Hale, George A. Reynolds—3.

QUESTION 16. Who are located this year?

ANSWER. N. W. Vaughan, W. P. Queen, J. R. Stradley—3.

QUESTION 17. Who are supernumerary?

ANSWER. R. E. Smith, R. M. Hickey, Wm. Hicks, J. D. Baldwin, C. K. Miller, Sewell Philips, E. W. Marsh, R. W. Pickens, John Reynolds, A. E. Woodward, Wm. Robeson—11.

QUESTION 18. Who are superannuated?

ANSWER. Joseph Haskew, W. B. Winton, L. W. Crouch, T. Sullins, Jacob Brilhart, S. B. Harwell,* H. M. Bennett.*

QUESTION 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

ANSWER. Joseph L. McGhee. See report.

QUESTION 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

ANSWER. Their names were severally called in open Conference and all passed.

QUESTION 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

ANSWER. Local Preachers, 291; White Members, 35,205; Indian Members, 128; Colored Members, 117. See statistical table.

QUESTION 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER. 1,208. See statistical table.

QUESTION 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER. 1,940. See statistical table.

QUESTION 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

ANSWER. 418. See statistical table.

*Not mentioned in the journal.

QUESTION 25. What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

ANSWER. 2,617. See statistical table.

QUESTION 26. What is the number of Sunday School scholars?

ANSWER. 18,123. See statistical table.

QUESTION 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

ANSWER. \$1,500.

QUESTION 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER. \$1,171—applied as follows:

J. Brilhart, \$20.00; W. H. Winton, \$10.00; L. W. Crouch, \$10.00; T. Sullins, \$50.00; W. D. Carter, \$20.00; S. D. Harwell, \$10.00; Joseph Haskew, \$25.00; Mrs. F. M. Stevens, \$65.00; Mrs. D. Fleming, \$50.00; Mrs. A. H. Goodykoontz, \$25.00; Mrs. W. Boring, \$60.00; Mrs. W. W. Smith, \$30.00; Mrs. C. Mitchell, \$60.00; Mrs. J. G. Swisher, \$100.00; Mrs. T. K. Munsey, \$175.00; Mrs. E. K. Hutsell, \$10.00; Mrs. H. Keener, \$11.00; Mrs. O. F. Cunningham, \$100.00; Mrs. E. A. Patton, \$20.00; Mrs. J. L. McGhee, \$60.00; Mrs. W. K. Foster, \$25.00; Miss Bettie Waggs, \$25.00; Brother Ballew's children, \$30.00.

QUESTION 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

ANSWER. \$3,312.59. This does not include special collections for China, Mexico, &c.

QUESTION 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held.

ANSWER. Asheville, North Carolina.

QUESTION 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT—George W. Miles, P. E.

Wytheville Station—David W. Carter.

Wytheville Circuit—Benjamin W. S. Bishop, B. Frank Smith.

Newbern Circuit—William H. Price, Jacob O. Shelley.

Hillsville Circuit—Lean lew W. Thompson.

Jacksonville Circuit and Floyd Mission—Daniel W. Rucker.

Grayson Circuit—Benjamin F. Nuckolls.

Jefferson Circuit—Edward Vertegans, Joseph B. Davis.

Marion Circuit—James W. Lickey.

Watauga Circuit—William L. Turner.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT—George Stewart, P. F.

Jeffersonville Station—Henry C. Neal.

Liberty Hill Circuit—B. R. Wilson, one to be supplied by P. J. Lockhart.

East Tazewell Circuit—Jacob T. Frazer, B. S. Weatherly.

Pearisburg Circuit—Tobias F. Smith.

Seddon Circuit—John M. Crismer, William Hicks, supernumerary.

Princeton Circuit—Ayres Kincaid.

Bluestone Circuit—William M. Crawford.

McDowell Mission—To be supplied.

Buchanan Circuit—Isaac S. Hess.

Religious Herald—William Hicks, editor.

ABINGDON DISTRICT—Enoch W. Moore, P. E.

Abingdon Station—Jackson S. Burnett.

Abingdon Circuit—William P. Doane.

Emory Circuit—Daniel H. Atkins.

Bristol Station—Robert H. Parker.
 Bristol Circuit—George T. Gray, Robert E. Smith, supernumerary.
 Saltville Circuit—Samuel Alexander.
 Burd's Garden Circuit—William H. Kelly.
 Lebanon Circuit—Phillip S. Sutton.
 Dickinsontown Circuit—Hexfield W. Bays.
 Estillville Circuit—Josiah H. Torlett.
 Gladleville Circuit—James K. Wolfe.
 Metlure Mission—Adam Q. Hermon.
 Emory and Henry College—F. E. Wiley, President; J. A. Davis, Professor.
 Mullins College—David Mullins, President.
 Abingdon District High School—George A. Frazier, Principal.

Jonesboro District—Grissell Taylor, P. E.
 Jonesboro Station—James Atkins, Jr.
 Jonesboro Circuit—Fleming D. Cradley.
 Pleasantville Circuit—Milton L. Chapman, Wm. Robinson, supernumerary.
 Kinnabow Circuit—George W. Callahan.
 Greeneville Circuit—Henry P. Waugh.
 St. Clair Circuit—William R. Carden.
 Newport Circuit—George W. Bryson.
 Fall Branch Circuit and Horse Creek Mission—John M. Wolfe.
 Elizabethton Station—David Sellars.
 Taylorsville Mission—To be supplied.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT—John Coring, P. E.
 Morristown and Mossy Creek Station—John L. M. French.
 Morristown Circuit—Daniel B. Carter, Richard N. Price.
 Rutledge Circuit—Isaac H. Hoskins.
 Bean's Station Circuit—Jacob Smith.
 Rogersville Circuit—Wiley J. Phillips.
 Kingsport Circuit—London C. Clashmunt.
 Rye Cove Circuit—William H. Barnes.
 Bowen's Valley Circuit—David R. Smith.
 Jonesville Circuit—Francis A. Farley, Alexander E. Woodward, sup'y.
 Tazewell Circuit—William H. Davis, J. D. Baldwin, supernumerary.
Methodist—Richard N. Price, editor.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—Carroll Lang, P. E.
 Knoxville (Church Street) Station—W. G. E. Cunningham.
 Knoxville (Beard Street) Station—George D. French.
 Knoxville (Mahry Street) Station and City Mission—Ed. F. Lyons.
 Maryville and Louisville Circuit—George W. K. Green, John C. Runyan.
 Knox and Lenoir Circuit—Jacob R. Payne.
 Clinton Circuit—J. M. Marshall.
 Maynardville Circuit—Robert A. Hinsell.
 Jacksboro Circuit—Frank Richardson, Charles K. Miller, supernumerary.
 Danbridge Circuit—J. S. W. Neal, J. H. Kennedy, J. N. S. Hinslaker, sup'y.
 Sevierville Circuit—William H. Cooper.

ATHENS DISTRICT—John M. McFerr, P. E.
 Athens Station—William C. Carden.
 Athens Circuit—Daniel H. Carr.
 Sweetwater Circuit—William W. Pratt, R. M. Hickey, supernumerary.
 Philadelphia and Louisa Circuit—J. H. Keith.
 Madisonville Circuit—Thomas R. Handy.
 Decatur Circuit—Tyre T. Salter.
 Riceville Circuit—William D. Meantcastle.
 Eleazar and Tellico Mission—James T. Smith.
 Tennessee River Mission—Albert L. Barrett.
 Hiwassee College—John H. Brunner, President.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—James Atkins, sr., P. E.
 Chattanooga Station—William W. Bays.
 South Chattanooga Station—J. K. P. Ball.
 Coltehaw Circuit—B. O. Davis.

Cleveland Circuit—Archibald T. Brooks, W. S. Jordan.
 Charleston and Calhoun Station—Kennerly C. Atkins.
 Hamilton Circuit and Chickamauga Mission—E. H. Bogle.
 Trenton Circuit and Lookout Mission—John H. Parrott, J. A. Bilderback.
 Cleveland Station—Lemuel L. H. Carlock.
 Chattanooga District High School—John P. Dickey, Principal.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—Samuel R. Wheeler, P. E.
 Pikeville Circuit—Return J. Only, James I. Cash.
 Jasper Circuit—Mitchel P. Swaim, John R. Hixon.
 Washington Circuit—Timothy P. Darr, Ed. W. Marsh, supernumerary.
 Kingston Circuit—Levi K. Haynes, J. W. Robertson, Sewell Philips, sup'y.
 Tracy City Circuit—Wm. Wiley Neal.
 Battle Creek and Elk River Mission—John W. Smith.
 Altamont Mission—To be supplied by W. S. Brown.
 Spencer Mission—To be supplied by J. V. Brown.
 Jamestown circuit—S. T. M. McPherson.
 Wartburg Mission—To be supplied by H. B. Brandon.
 Crossville and Bonair Mission—George W. Renfro.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—Andrew J. Frazier, P. E.
 Asheville Station—Charles T. Carroll.
 Asheville Circuit—George W. Martin, R. W. Pickens, supernumerary.
 Sulphur Springs Circuit—James Mahoney, John Reynolds, supernumerary.
 Brevard Circuit—Thomas J. Pope.
 Hendersonville Circuit—William D. Mitchell.
 Catawba Circuit—Lawrence M. Renfro.
 Burnsville Circuit—John W. Bird.
 Bakersville Circuit—William H. Weaver.
 Marshall Circuit and Pine Creek Mission—To be supplied by E. H. Hampton.
 Asheville Female College—James S. Kennedy, President.
 Weaverville High School—J. M. McCampbell, Principal, R. W. Pickens, Agent.
 Agent American Bible Society for Buncombe County—J. H. Robinson.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT—Thomas F. Glenn, P. E.
 Franklin Circuit—William M. Kerr, John W. Bowman.
 Waynesville Circuit—C. E. Wiggins, Ed. S. Shelley.
 Hayesville Circuit—J. A. Wiggins.
 Ducktown Circuit—William H. Bates.
 Murphy Circuit—Riley A. Giddens.
 Webster Circuit—Charles B. Fugate.
 Charlestow Mission—Joseph H. Sensabaugh.
 Echoita (Indian) Mission—James R. Long.
 F. W. D. Mays transferred to Columbia Conference; H. J. Morgan transferred
 to South Carolina Conference.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

It is due me to say that a list of the names and post-offices of preachers, traveling and local, has been a favorite idea in the publication of the Annual, but it is of necessity omitted for want of the requisite information. Preachers in charge have not, to any extent, furnished the names and addresses of local preachers, and only a few preachers, after receiving appointments this year, have sent me their addresses in their new charges.

J. R. PAYNE, Assistant Secretary.

Conference Reports.

THE HOLSTON-METHODIST.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals to whom was referred the paper presented to this Conference on the subject of the *Holston Methodist*, by its editors and proprietors, would submit the following, for adoption by the Conference, as their judgment in the premises:

Believing that the interests of our Church have been greatly promoted, and the religious welfare of our people not a little advanced by the *Holston Methodist*; believing too that this Conference is in accord and sympathy on all the leading questions of our Church polity with the editors thereof, we hope that the patronage of the paper will be increased, the hands and hearts of its editors strengthened and encouraged, and its usefulness more widely extended.

That these ends may be secured the more certainly, while we do not adopt the paper as our Conference organ, we do ask the Bishop to appoint Rev. R. N. Price to the editorship of the paper, to be his work for the ensuing Conference year.

E. E. WILEY, Chairman.

THE RELIGIOUS HERALD.

WHEREAS, Rev. William Hicks has for about twelve months been publishing, at his own expense, a weekly paper devoted to the interests of Methodism, and the cause of Christ generally, and we believe that his long experience in journalism eminently fits him for this position, and that he can serve the Church better in the capacity of editor than in any other; therefore

Resolved. That the Bishop be, and is hereby requested to appoint brother Hicks to the *Religious Herald*, if there is no legal barrier in the way of such appointment.

W. M. KERR,
B. W. S. BISHOP.

MEMOIR OF REV. JOSEPH L. McGHEE.

JOSEPH L. McGHEE was born in Smyth county, Virginia, June 6, 1844. In 1858, when but a boy, under the ministry of James W. Dickey, he made a profession of faith in Christ, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

He was licensed to preach the 16th of February, 1869. In October the same year he was admitted on trial in the Holston Conference, and appointed as junior preacher, under Jacob Brilhart, on the Sweetwater and Philadelphia circuit.

In October, 1870, he was appointed in charge of the Madisonville circuit. To this work he was reappointed the following year. In October, 1872, he was appointed to the Morristown circuit, where he remained but a few months, when by a severe attack of diarrhoea he was forced to give up his work. With this wasting disease which became chronic, he suffered eight months, until the 18th of September, 1873, at his father's residence in Smyth county, Virginia, he died in great peace.

BROTHER McGHEE was no ordinary young man. With a high order of intellectual endowments which were in early life dedicated to God, and trained to his service by intelligent Christian parents, he seemed called to much higher destinies in the militant Church, but a mysterious Providence has ordered otherwise, and this strong young workman God has called from the walls of Zion to the palace of the Heavenly city.

During the time of his illness and intense suffering, he was never heard to complain of the chastenings of his Father's hand, but with strong faith and great resignation to the Divine will, he was enabled to give marked evidences of the supporting grace of God to His suffering children.

He was visited by a member of this Conference during his last illness, who ever found him exulting in the hope of the Gospel which he had so often preached to others.

The day before his death, he was asked, in view of his early dissolution, if he had any message to send to his brethren at the Holston Conference. He reflected a moment and said: "They all know me, tell them that I now feel as I stand near eternity that I have too little faith—that I have been a very poor preacher, yea, a very poor Christian, and yet I do feel that I have tried to let I lost my profession and I thank God that by His grace, I am what I am, and that I delight to contemplate the rest promised me in the Gospel of His dear Son."

An hour before his departure, his voice, which for four nights had been scarcely above a whisper, returned, and calling around him father and mother, brother and sister, with wife, friends were present, he spoke of the vast importance of religion in a dying hour; largely ejaculated "amen" and then rejoiced: "Glory to God! Amen! Home, loved and receiving the gift! Amen! Once laid down, comforted! And I also delighted to say, 'O God well done!'"

GEORGE W. BROWN,

CARROLL LONG,

J. RAYMOND HARRISON,

Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCES.

NOTE—The report of the joint Board of Finance will be found mainly in Table No. 2.

It only remains to give additional items of the report, and the concluding remarks of the Committee and the Assessments for 1870-1, which may be found in table No. 4, and the financial plan of the Conference which was adopted at a former session. The following items are collected from the former report:

1. Whole amount of salaries of the Preachers.....	\$53,108.70
Whole amount paid on the same.....	37,154.82
Total deficiency on Salaries.....	16,953.88
—being 69 per cent, nearly, paid and 51 per cent unpaid.	
2. From Table No. 2, the whole amount of "Conference collection"—as reported by the preachers to the joint Board of Finance is.....	\$267.27
To this amount may be added receipts from other sources as follows:	
Interest on "Amber" or Fund, for the Preachers.....	181.50
Interest on funds of "Preachers Aid Society," for F. H. Wiley.....	38.67
Interest on the "Mrs. Weston Fund," for F. H. Wiley.....	18.10
Interest on note of Jas. Aikins, for F. H. Wiley.....	21.85
Public collection at Marion, Virginia, October 1st.....	40.75

Making the amount for Conference Claimants..... \$1,108.44 which was distributed among the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers who have died in the work, as stated in the proceedings, and in the minutes under question 24.

The Board distributed \$1,108.44; \$22.50 more than above.

The Board of Finance conclude their report as follows:

It is gratifying to know that notwithstanding the stringency in financial affairs, there has been no material decrease in the collections. This we think is due to the operation of the Financial Plan adopted by the Conference. These charges which operated on that plan have sent up to the report. These which adopted the envelope will contribute over and above their assessments.

We present the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That in the ensuing year we recommend and insist on carrying out the Financial Plan adopted by the Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. BATES, Chairman.

E. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

The assessments for 1870-1 will be found in the tables.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

TO THE BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH: The undersigned, a Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reports from the several charges of the various Presiding Elders' Districts in regard to Sunday Schools, and herewith present a statistical report, showing the condition of the Sunday School cause within the bounds of this Conference.

Your Committee desire to call attention to the fact that there is a lack of sympathy with the children, on the part of many of the older people of the Church—who seem to regard Sunday School work as too small a thing to be engaged in by grown up persons.

We would urge upon the fathers and mothers of the Church, the great importance of having their children trained in our own Sunday Schools, and fed with that food which our own literature supplies.

We deem it of the utmost importance to our Church that Methodist Schools shall exist wherever practicable, and that union schools be disountenanced.

We cannot close this report without thanking Dr. Haygood for the excellent manner in which he performs his duties as commander in chief of the Sunday School forces.

We regard the Uniform Lesson system as an admirable one, because it unites the children of the Church into one common family, speaking the same language.

We heartily commend these lessons and all the Sunday School publications to our entire people, and urge upon all the important duty of helping Dr. Haygood in the noble work of building up Sunday Schools.

As an important auxiliary to Sunday Schools and for the purpose of interesting the children in the work, we earnestly advise that the pastors of our Churches do what they can to form the Schools into missionary societies, and that it be understood that a certain per cent of all moneys, contributed to the treasury, be put aside for missionary purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. PAULETT,
ROBERT B. VANCE,
PHILIP S. SUTTON,
BENJ. F. NUCKOLLS,
D. F. BAILEY.

Committee.

Marion, Virginia, October 21, 1873.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals would respectfully submit as their report the following:

We have heard with no little pleasure the facts touching our publishing interests as contained in the papers read before this body, received from Nashville, as also the statements made by Dr. Redford, our Book Agent.

These facts satisfy us that all our affairs connected with our Publishing House are admirably managed. The new edifice itself is a most commodious and elegant structure, exhibiting business wisdom and architectural taste, well adapted to the present wants and future exigencies of the Church; while the internal management in book making, editing and publishing, shows industry, talent and skill; and the external management, financial grasp and push of the Agent have been found equal to all the emergencies which have yet transpired, even to the late bank suspensions and stringency in the currency.

As a Conference we are altogether satisfied with our Book Agent, Dr. Redford, and our chief editor of Books and of the "Nashville *Christian Advocate*," Dr. Summers, as well as with our editor of Sunday School literature, Dr. Haygood.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that our co-laborers at Nashville are wielding a power for the upbuilding of our Church, each in his own department, that cannot be overestimated. But as they can accomplish but little without the co-operation of the preachers in the respective Annual Conferences, our duty in the premises seems plain. Having already by resolution pledged ourselves to endeavor to sell, each on his respective work the ensuing year, books to the amount of \$100, we deem it unnecessary to ask for anything further on this point.

We are convinced that our usefulness as ministers and pastors would be greatly promoted by a wider circulation of the *Christian Advocate*, and of the Sunday School periodicals; therefore

Resolved, That we will try to be more diligent during the ensuing Conference year in performing this part of our ministerial duty, the distribution of our Church periodicals.

Resolved, That we will, so far as we can, possess ourselves of Dr. Bledsoe's *Quarterly Review* for our own personal benefit, and also recommend it to others as a work second to none issued from the press in Europe or America, in the highest departments of periodical literature.

E. E. WILEY, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

1. That the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, as carried out by the American Bible Society, should be encouraged in all our fields of labor, and throughout the world; as one of the chief instrumentalities for the enlightenment and salvation of the race.

2. That we should be thankful to the Giver of all good, for the establishment of such an institution as the Bible Society, with its thousands of auxiliaries spreading all over our land, and reaching far out into the darkness of heathenism, pouring the pure light of life upon our disordered and suffering world.

3. That the free circulation of the Bible, as an open book, has had much to do in breaking the power of Romanism in the old world, and is to be one of the best safeguards in our own country against the encroachments of that large system of idolatry and superstition now coming to us in the name of Christ and his religion. For it is true, in a good sense, that the Bible is the religion of Protestants.

4. Do we not witness a day that far exceeds the day of Pentecost? On that day the representatives of eighteen or twenty nations heard the wonderful works of God, each in his own tongue, wherein he was born, but to-day the God of mercy is speaking to the hearts of men in two hundred and seventy-nine different languages and dialects in his precious word, which is able to make men wise unto salvation.

J. ATKINS, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education make the following report:

Regarding the educational as next in importance, to the spiritual interests of the Church, your Committee have endeavored thoroughly to understand the workings of the institutions of learning under the control of the Conference. Much that is important and interesting in regard to District Conference Schools, and Schools and Colleges managed as corporations, and private enterprises, but presided over and operated by members of your body, has been laid before your Committee.

But inasmuch as these latter institutions are understood to be but handmaidens to the higher order of colleges, the creatures and pride of the Conference, we can but subordinate them to Conference colleges, in order to present the result of our labors as briefly as possible.

Nothing has given us more pleasure in the examinations we have made into these matters than the condition, management and operations of "Emory and Henry College."

Since 1837 this college has justly been the pride of this Conference, and now after the lapse of thirty-six years, it has fully demonstrated the wisdom of its projectors, and stands a monument to the inimitable energy of your own dear Fulton, and the faithful agency of his successors. It has passed the breakers financially, and without endowment, except the farm upon which the buildings stand; it has accommodations for two hundred and fifty students, and is free from debt.

It is scarcely necessary at this day to call the attention of the Conference and the public to the advantages, location; its purity of climate, beauty of landscape, and above all its exemption from the allurements to vice which are found in the large towns and cities. At no period in its history has the college had a more

learned and energetic Faculty. With no ordinary satisfaction do we announce to the Conference the notable fact that all the members of the Faculty are men of God. And as they daily bring the body and mind under the necessary stress of discipline, they sow the good seeds of Gospel truth in the hearts of the young men committed to their care.

Besides the pride which the Conference has in this institution, its members are in some measure brought under obligations to this institution for its liberality to some of its members, and to the sons of others.

During the last year the college has remitted tuition to the ministers and ministers' sons for the most part belonging to this Conference, to the amount of more than eleven hundred dollars.

But while Emory and Henry is out of debt, and is paying current expenses with the attendance of one hundred and fifty students, still its usefulness is curtailed for the want of one hundred more students, for whom it has ample accommodations.

Many competitors for patronage are growing up around it. An increase of patronage must be effected. The day never will come when the preachers of this Conference can be absolved from an active agency for the college. They cannot afford to do without its help, in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.

The following persons are nominated as visitors for the ensuing year:

Revs. J. M. McTeer, J. W. Dickey, B. W. S. Bishop, G. W. Miles, G. Stewart, S. R. Wheeler, E. W. Moore, R. N. Price, W. B. Aston, Esq., Hon. John A. Kelly, Hon. J. P. Kelly, A. W. Aston, Esq., Col. H. S. Bowen.

MARTHA WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

This is now the only Female College owned and controlled by this Conference. During the past year this institution has been, in the providence of God, doing its work nobly: a complete organization has been maintained, the instruction has been marked by thoroughness and accuracy to a degree that is unusual among the seminaries of the country for the education of young ladies. To this statement the testimony is most conclusive, coming from the visitors appointed by your body, and without solicitation from many of the most distinguished educators and scholars in the land. There has not only been a high standard of mental attainment, but the moral and religious tone of the college has been of the most elevating and healthful character. The government has been faithfully and kindly administered, the best interests of the pupils have been carefully and constantly considered by the Faculty, and the social atmosphere has been pure, refining and invigorating. We are confident that no college for young ladies offers more inducements for the promotion of a desire among the pupils for large and liberal culture, and to the encouragement of voluntary Christian activity among them.

Those having its oversight and control having thus endeavored to place the institution upon a large basis, and make it worthy of the Church, a pride among her kindred, it is a matter of surprise and regret that the appreciation of it on the part of the Church has not been attested by a patronage commensurate with its acknowledged merits. We are glad, however, to be able to report an improvement in this direction. Though the session has not been open yet one month, the number of boarders already entered is forty-two, with the usual local patronage.

Could the preachers of this Conference be brought to a realization of their responsibility in the premises, we believe the time is not far distant when the intrinsic value of its instructions, together with its relation to the Church and the work it proposes to do for the Church and the world will be generally recognized, and fill its halls to the extent of their capacity.

Your Committee regret to astonish the Conference with the statement that Martha Washington is under financial embarrassment. This condition of things is not attributable to its present efficient President, Maj. R. W. Jones. For during the two years of his management just past, the college cleared the handsome sum of \$1,300, the first year, and \$1,000 the second; and this with a patronage of only about thirty-seven boarding pupils. The College does not ask further contribution from the generous hands of the preachers; it does not propose to tax them with the task of exacting contributions from the people of their charges.

We fully endorse the view presented in the report of the Board of Visitors made to your body during the present sitting—that what the school is worthy of and essentially needs is a largely increased patronage. Give the college thirty additional

boarders, and the faculty of the college, instead of \$1,000 excess of income over expenses at present patronage, will insure the annual income of \$3,250, or an increase of \$2,250 profits. These estimates are carefully made with a full knowledge of their import. "Who is able for these things?" A persistent, united effort on the part of the members of this Conference would do much to secure this important result.

If the Conference would concentrate its paternal affections, its energies and influence on Martha Washington as the school for the higher culture of young ladies, it would give it a name and a prestige that would not only elevate it above the competition of mere local enterprises, but would enable it, with superior scholastic advantages, its attractive surroundings and its acceptability and unparalleled healthfulness of location, to attract an increased patronage from beyond the limits of the Conference. Look at what the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences have done for Randolph Macon College!

Members of the Holston Conference come to the rescue of your colleges—especially these twin angels of moral and intellectual advancement, Emory and Henry and Martha Washington. Elevate yourselves to the demands of the present, and assist these institutions to adjust their plans and marshal their resources for their Heaven-imposed mission in the future.

Your Committee, according to the mandate of your body, have carefully examined the provisions of the charter, incorporating Martha Washington College, and find that its terms are ample to insure the well being of the property for the future, except in one particular. Therefore we would recommend that the Conference memorialize the next Legislature of Virginia so to amend said charter that the Board of Trustees be, forever in the future, prohibited from making contracts that would be a charge on the college property.

The following persons are nominated as visitors to said college for the ensuing year:

Revs. J. W. Dickey, T. P. Thomas, H. C. Neal, J. M. McTeer, S. Phillips, J. S. Burnett, G. W. Miles, Col. W. J. Jordan, Prof. J. L. Buchanan, Maj. J. C. Campbell, Hon. James P. Kelly, F. W. Earnest, Esq., J. W. Gaut Esq.

HIWASSEE COLLEGE.

After a year of suspension this institution re-opened on the 4th of August last, with eighty-five students, representing nearly all the Southern States. The buildings have been entirely overhauled and greatly improved. Our brother J. H. Brunner, its President, is earnestly and faithfully at work, full of hope and promise for the future. We commend him and his work to the favorable consideration of the public.

The following visitors are re-nominated for the ensuing year.

Revs. C. Long, J. H. Keith, W. W. Bays, L. L. H. Carlock, G. D. French, Hon. D. M. Key, Dr. J. L. Atlee, A. C. Kaylor, John H. Hardin, W. J. Fowler, W. F. Lenoir, and Rev. J. M. McTeer.

ASHEVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee would also represent that they have received information esteemed to be valuable to the Conference, in reference to Asheville Female College, and therefore have concluded to bring it to the attention of the Conference. The Conference may now if it chooses, repossess itself of that property on very liberal and favorable terms. We learn that a large number of the stockholders (it is owned by a joint stock company) will donate the whole or a large part of their stock, if the Conference undertake in good faith to purchase it.

The company owes about \$2,000, partially provided for, have already paid \$16,600, and have added improvements, &c., at least \$2,500, equal to \$21,100.

The property is estimated to be worth at least \$25,000. Conference could now, perhaps obtain full possession for some \$8,000 or \$10,000—less than one half its original indebtedness or present value. Could the Conference raise \$2,000 within the next year, it could at once possess itself of about one ninth of the capital stock.

At present your Committee have but one recommendation to make, and that is the reappointment of brother James S. Kennedy to its Presidency, according to the prayer of the Trustees of said college.

SULLINS COLLEGE.

The communication referred to your Committee, from the Trustees of Sullins

College, now under the Presidency of brother D. Sullins, a member of your own body, shows him to possess the same industry and energy as an instructor that he does as a pastor.

At the request of the Trustees, your Committee recommend that brother Sullins be appointed the President of said college.

WEAVERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

At the request of the authorities of this School we recommend that brothers R. W. Pickens and James McCampbell be severally re-appointed, the former the Agent for, and the latter a Professor in said school.

Your Committee take occasion to note the rapidly increasing educational facilities throughout the entire bounds of the Conference, through the instrumentalities of individual and local enterprises, and the agency of the District Conferences.

The want of this class of institutions has long been felt. This want has greatly embarrassed the legitimate work of our colleges.

Properly guarded, they are, in the future, to be the great entered apprentices, preparing the rough ashlers to be polished and burnished by master workman in our colleges.

But your Committee are unanimously of opinion that any effort to divert the proper patronage from our own worthy colleges is suicidal and ruinous, and it is the great duty of our Church and people, first of all, to built up and strengthen and establish our Conference educational enterprises. And that whenever their interests come in conflict with other enterprises that our position as a Conference should be on the side of self interest, inasmuch as such action comports with consistency, and is promotive of the best interests of the Church by giving us a stronger motive power for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

There are some measures of conciliation which very forcibly impress your Committee as feasible—but prudence at this time demands silence on our part.

Trusting that God, through the instrumentality of his servants, our educators, may during the ensuing year, bring hundreds of the students of our colleges into the fold of Christ, we submit our report.

J. S. BURNETT, Chairman.

J. P. KELLY, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

We are as much as ever convinced of the many great and terrible evils of *intemperance*.

Your Committee are of opinion that this vice is not on the increase except in a few localities. The causes that have contributed to its restraint are the restrictions under which the Government permits its manufacture, together with the action of individual communities and corporations by the exercise of the power of franchise. It is to this power we must look for the abolishment of this pernicious evil.

But that power can only be made available when the moral sense of a people is educated up to just and proper ideas of religion and morality.

For this education, the world is dependent mainly upon the *Pulpit* and the *Press*. These are the powers behind the throne that form opinion and mold character. We then, as the conservators of the interests of our people, socially, morally, and intellectually, cannot divest ourselves of the great responsibility we are under. If we should, the fearful denunciations of God would rouse us to a sense of so great a dereliction of duty.

“Woe,” says God, “to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink, that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink—that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp and the viol and tabret, and pipe and wine are in their feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operations of his hands; therefore hell hath enlarged her self and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled, but God that is holy, shall be sanctified in righteousness.”

“Woe to them that are mighty to drink wine! therefore as the fire devoureth the

stubble, and as the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness and their blossom go up as the dust."

With these solemn declarations before us, it becomes our plain imperative duty to "cry aloud and spare not" to "reason of righteousness, temperance and judgment. Though intemperance with brazen face may dare to invade the sanctity of the pulpit; let us show our people their transgressions, the "House of Jacob their sins." Silence with us on such an issue becomes treason against the kingdom of God.

And while we denounce a vice so fearfully pernicious, let not the disgraceful reproach be cast upon us that was upon the Pharisees—"they say but do not." O! let us be clean that "bear the vessels of the Lord."

Resolved. That we will preach upon the subject, and recommend temperance to our people by precept and example.

W. H. BATES.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

To the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, sitting at Marion, Virginia.

Your Committee on "Church Property" beg leave to submit the following report as the result of their labors, and would state that the report is necessarily imperfect, owing to the failure to receive reports from several of the charges and some of those received are imperfect.

Signed,

F. W. EARNEST, Chairman.
T. T. SALYER.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Number of churches owned by our Church in the bounds of the Conference, 422; Value of same, as estimated by the preachers, \$34,400; Number sittings, 114,061; Number of parsonages, 29; Value of same as estimated by the preachers, \$28,250; Value of other Church property reported, \$37,570. Total value of Church property, including churches, parsonages, camp grounds, &c., \$94,765.

The following statement shows the amount and value of the property claimed by the M. E. Church. Eighteen Churches, valued at \$16,300; One Parsonage, valued at \$1,000; Other property valued at \$6,500. Total value of property claimed by the M. E. Church, \$24,100.

Note.—The above is given as the "summary" of the tabular report made by the Committee on "Church property," which on account of its length and incompleteness is deemed unsuitable for publication in the "Annual" for this year. If the trustees of all Church property will report the same accurately through the pastors, the report next year will be valuable to the Church and interesting to the readers of the "Annual."

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved. That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the several railroad companies for passing members of our body over their roads at half fare.

F. W. EARNEST,
ROBERT B. VANCE.

Resolved. That the members of this Conference do hereby tender to the citizens of Marion and vicinity their most sincere thanks for the very hospitable manner in which they have been entertained during the session.

F. W. EARNEST,
ROBERT B. VANCE.

Resolved. That the Conference tender to the ministers and members of the various Churches of Marion their thanks for the use of their respective houses of worship, and the Christian courtesy shown them, and will ever pray the blessing of God upon them.

F. W. EARNEST,
ROBERT B. VANCE.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON MISSIONS AND FINANCE.

Amount of special missionary collection, made b. Church Street Sunday School, Knoxville, in aid of Knoxville City mission.....	\$221.33
Amount paid for same by members of Church Street Station.....	49.12
Amount paid same by D. A. Carpenter, a member of Broad Street Station.	25.00
Amount paid same by Revs. McTeer and Parker.....	6.00
Total.....	\$301.45

BISHOP'S FUND.

Disposed of as follows:

Amount paid Bishop Doggett on salary.....	\$285.00
Amount paid Bishop's traveling expenses.....	25.00
Amount paid Bishop Keener.....	356.00
Total.....	\$666.00

Signed,

F. ALEXANDER, Sec'y Board Finance.

NOTE FROM DR. CUNNYNGHAM.

ABINGDON, VA., October 29, 1873.

DEAR BROTHER PAYNE: It will be impossible for me to furnish the MS. of my sermon within the time specified. Please do me the kindness to say, in your Annual, that it was impossible for me to furnish the MS. in time, as I was moving to my new field of labor, &c.

Yours, in haste.

W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM.

SECRETARY'S NOTE.

We are sorry that brother Payne could not incorporate in the ANNUAL the proceedings of the Historical Society of the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South. It has not been customary to publish these proceedings with the minutes; but we hope this will be done next year, as it would facilitate the collection of historical material.

It will be observed that while the amount of missionary collections is reported, there is no report of the disposition made of this money. We hold that the Conference Board of Missions is a Committee of the Conference, and ought to report to the body all the business transacted by them. The Conference and people ought to know what becomes of the money they contribute to the missionary cause. We hope the Board will report to Conference next year, and that the report will be published in the ANNUAL.

R. N. PRICE.

Morristown, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1873.

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BAPTISMS	
	No. of Churches.	No. of Local Preachers.	White,	Colored.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Adults.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.								
Wytheville Station.....	1	1	157		2	17	150	5 1
Wytheville Circuit.....	12	5	990	1	11	85	305	5 32
Newbern Circuit.....	7	2	405	1	7	9	310	45 8
Hillsville Circuit.....	6	9	517	10	10	37	418	58 10
Jacksonville C't & Floyd Mis'n.			155		2	12	50	10
Grayson Circuit.....	10	8	1064		7	32	480	32 26
Jefferson Circuit.....	5	8	99	1	6	30	250	18 23
Marion Circuit.....	7	5	789	3	8	8		35 58
Total	48	41	5067	15	53	393	1963	213 158
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.								
Jeffersonville Station.....	2	1	23	5	3	22	165	15 27
Liberty Hill Circuit.....	6	3	498		10	42	375	45 38
East Tazewell Circuit.....	9	1	57	14	9	108	350	18 5
Pearisburg Circuit.....	8	4	632		9	72	300	60 6
Seddon Circuit.....	6	8	78		11	33	480	34 20
Princeton Circuit.....	10	4	55		13	65	310	79 7
Bluestone Ct & Flat Top Miss'n.			278		2	12	60	10 1
M. Dowell Circuit.....	2		19		3	10	125	20 2
Levice Mission.....		1	275	1	5	21	96	5 20
Total	43	29	3998	20	65	391	2261	338 126
ABINGDON DISTRICT.								
Abingdon Station.....	1	1	122		2	8	142	5 10
Abingdon Circuit.....	8	7	73	3	5	25	200	21 27
Bristol Station.....	1	2	27	5	1	15	150	12 7
Bristol Circuit.....	5	7	387		6	36	210	4 6
Saltville Circuit.....	2		425		14	47	494	5 31
Lebanon Circuit.....	10	4	62		7	41	300	25 20
Dickinsonville Circuit.....	7	2	53	4	3	25	96	17 12
Estillville Circuit.....	11	6	674	4	7	86	310	27 10
Gladeville Circuit.....	5	5	456		4	21	125	50 21
McClure Mission.....	1	1	30					2
Total	51	35	4245	16	49	306	2021	157 146
JONESBORO DISTRICT.								
Jonesboro Station.....	1		125		1	10	87	4 2
Jonesboro Circuit.....	1	2	331	1	2	12	125	8 5
Blountville Circuit.....	6	4	660	4	10	61	300	15 40
Rheatown Circuit.....	8	4	28		2	18	160	7 7
Greeneville Circuit.....		2	205		3	10	140	5 13
St. Clair Circuit.....	7	2	207		3	10	145	2 1
Newport Circuit.....	6		158		4	24	140	11
Fall Branch et & Horse Cr'k mis.	4	2	161					2 1
Watauga Circuit.....	0	5	451	5	6	21	300	28 8
Total	45	21	2584	10	31	177	1897	72 88

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	No. of Churches.	No. of Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BAPT' SMS	
			White.	Colored.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Adults.	Infants.
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.									
Morristown & Mossy Creek Sta.	3	2	305	1	12	41	249	20	10
Morristown Circuit	5	3	354		12	12	100	6	3
Rutledge Circuit	10		366		8	18	245	9	7
Rogersville Circuit	5	3	197		5	25	200	11	1
Kingsport Circuit	5	3	363		6	6	180	32	4
Rye Cove Circuit	8	4	445	2	5	25	200	24	2
Jonesville Circuit			600	32	7	42	286	23	30
Powell's Valley Circuit	10	6	543	50	6	54	150	16	36
Tazewell Circuit	3	3	220		6	24	220		
Total	49	33	3393	85	47	247	1815	141	93
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.									
Knoxville (Church St.) Station	1	3	325		1	20	180	13	2
Knoxville (Broad St.) Station	1		202		1	15	169	10	12
Knoxville City Mission		2	46		1	6	113	10	10
Maryville & Louisville Circuit	7	3	368	1	3	26	179	17	25
Knox and Lenoir Circuit		2	361		1	12	55	26	10
Clinton Circuit	4	3	252		1	5	30	29	16
Maynardville Circuit		3	382		4	28	170	34	18
Jacksboro Circuit	5	2	319	1	3	34	222	4	15
Dandridge Circuit	11	2	563		6	42	300	47	20
Sevierville Circuit		1	175		2	18	182	12	8
Total	36	21	2963	2	23	206	1550	202	135
ATHENS DISTRICT.									
Athens Station	1	1	125		1	9	50		1
Athens Circuit	5	5	419	3	5	41	350	24	27
Sweetwater Circuit	2		216		2	13	125	28	5
Philadelphia & Loudon Circuit	4	1	265		3	18	200	25	8
Madisonville Circuit	6	5	328		2	17	110	31	24
Decatur Circuit	4	4	388		3	25	180	10	7
Riceville Circuit	3	2	342	1	3	15	165	43	1
Tennessee River Mission			94					15	1
Telico Mission		1	241	2				48	6
Total	29	19	2408	6	21	138	1180	204	80
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.									
Chattanooga Station	1	2	29		1	27	265	13	10
South Chattanooga Mission		2	160		1	22	150	85	15
Chattanooga Circuit	2	3	317		1	9	40		
Cleveland Station	1		165		1	13	112	21	3
Cleveland Circuit	10		280	2	3	29	125	9	3
Benton Circuit	3	1	130					6	
Charleston and Calhoun Sta.	1	1	143		1	8	61	4	
Etna Circuit		4	260		4	24	180	11	22
Trenton Circuit	7	4	620	1	3	3	75	33	3
Total	25	17	2264	3	15	135	1008	186	56

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BAPTISMS	
			White,	Colored.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Adults.	Infants.
PIKEVILLE DISTRICT.									
Pikeville Circuit.....	7	9	224	4	20	120	33	1	
Jasper Circuit.....	12	3	395	5	50	400	56	20	
Washington Circuit.....	4	3	238	3	11	100	7	6	
Hamilton et al Chi'kuwauga mis	12	12	164	3	20	100	4	3	
Sulphur Springs Circuit.....	12	12	253	1	30	200	34	4	
Kingston Circuit.....	4	1	115	2	18	39	5	5	
Tracy City Mission.....	12	12	290	1	10	120	10	15	
Altamont Mission.....	12	12	110	4	10	160	9	7	
Spencer Mission.....	1	1	79	2	8	45	1		
Crossville and Bonair Mission.....	7	7	263	1	6	45	2	15	
Jamestown and Wartburg Miss.	3	2	132	2	12	60	7	2	
Total	29	30	2175	3	195	1389	162	78	
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.									
Asheville Station.....	1	1	196	1	19	140		14	
Asheville Circuit.....	6	7	715	3	20	150	70	25	
Reynold's ch'l & Beav'r Dam sta				2	10	96	30	20	
Sulphur Springs Circuit.....			4	586	4	20	150		
Brevard Circuit.....	4	2	401	2	10	100			
Hendersonville Circuit.....	5	3	361	3	8	196	1	5	
Catawba Circuit.....	1	3	418	1	5	181	19	34	
Burnsville Circuit.....	1	3	356	1	12	63			
Bakersville Circuit.....	2	3	208	1	4	20	150	1	6
Marshall et al Pine Creek Miss'n	7	3	265	2	7	250	9	14	
Total	36	23	3506	6	197	1476	130	118	
FRANKLIN DISTRICT.									
Franklin Circuit.....	9	7	607	10	71	326	25	28	
Waynesville Circuit.....	10	3	657	13	74	750	35	40	
Hayesville Circuit.....	2	3	345	4	23	171	9	15	
Mine City Station.....	1		141	3	12	200	11	26	
Murphy Circuit.....	2	4	282	3	14	150	32	20	
Webster Circuit.....	3	1	379	5	8	200			
Charlestown Mission.....	2	3		1	4	75			
Echota (Indian) Mission.....	2	1	160	2	10	200	13	11	
Cheoah Mission.....				1	4	50			
Total	30	22	2571	5	45	232	125	140	

Echota Mission—128 Indian members.

GENERAL CHURCH STATISTICS.

RECAPITULATION.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	No. of Local Churches.	No. of Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BAPT'SMS	
			White.	Colored.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Adults.	Infants.
Wytheville District	48	41	5067	15	53	393	1963	213	158
Jeffersonville District	43	29	3995	20	65	391	2261	339	126
Abingdon District	51	35	4215	16	49	306	2021	157	146
Jonesboro District	45	21	2584	10	31	177	1397	72	88
Morristown District	49	33	3323	85	47	247	1815	141	93
Knoxville District	36	21	2995	2	23	206	1550	202	135
Athens District	29	19	2408	6	21	138	1180	204	80
Chattanooga District	25	17	2264	3	15	135	1008	186	56
Pikeville District	29	30	2175	3	32	195	1389	162	78
Asheville District	36	23	3500	6	37	197	1476	130	118
Franklin District	30	22	2571	5	45	232	2122	125	140
Grand total	421	291	35205	171	418	2617	18182	1931	1218

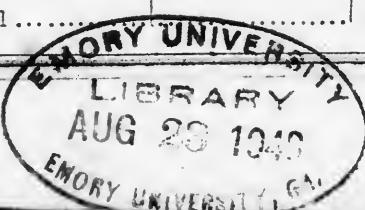
Franklin District—128 Indian members.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—1873.

PASTORAL CHARGES. BY WHOM SERVED.		Amount of Claim.	Amount Paid.	Amount Conference Collection.	Amount Missionary Collection.	Amount S. School Expenses.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.	J. W. Dickey.....	\$ 860	\$ 572 40			
Wytheville Station.....	John H. Parrott.....	400	361 00	\$24 00	\$48 00	70 00
Wytheville Circuit.....	B. W. S. Bishop.....	650	477 33	19 00	80 00	20 00
Wytheville Circuit.....	L. W. Thompson.....	150	110 16			
Newbern Circuit.....	Geo. W. Callahan.....	580	424 00	17 00	118 25	12 00
Newbern Circuit.....	D. W. Carter.....	287	208 00			
Hillsville Circuit.....	Wm. H. Price.....	360	240 15		58 70	27 00
Jacksonville & Floyd Mis.	M. A. Davidson.....	180	112 00		5 00	
Grayson Circuit.....	B. F. Nuckles.....	500	459 95	5 00	40 00	40 00
Jefferson Circuit.....	F. D. Crumley.....	600	420 00		44 35	15 00
Marion Circuit.....	Geo. W. Miles.....	800	737 85	15 50	77 25	200 00
Total		5,307	4,122 84	80 50	471 55	384 00
JEFFERSONVILLE DIST.	George Stewart.....	800	549 60			
Jeffersonville Station.....	Henry C. Neal.....	500	440 00	10 00	30 10	70 00
Liberty Hill Circuit.....	J. T. Frazier.....	500	193 40	7 10	17 70	38 00
East Tazewell Circuit.....	E. Johnson.....	400	244 43	24 35	65 00	20 00
McDowell Circuit.....	A. Kincaid.....	200	65 00		5 00	2 05
Pearisburg Circuit.....	T. F. Smith.....	500	380 00	20 00	41 29	
Seddon Circuit.....	R. A. Hutsell.....	300	211 49	5 00	10 00	35 00
Princeton Circuit.....	W. J. Phillips.....	250	211 15		17 00	25 00
Bluestone ct & F. Top mis.	A. Q. Harmon.....	200	43 00			
Leevice Mission.....	I. S. Ross.....	150	150 00		10 25	16 00
Total		3,900	2,488 07	66 45	196 24	206 05
ABINGDON DISTRICT.	E. W. Moore.....	800	569 00			
Abingdon Station.....	J. S. Burnett.....	500	500 00	23 30	129 25	110 00
Abingdon Circuit.....	J. K. P. Ball.....	400	359 00	8 00	100 70	
Abingdon Circuit.....	Joseph Haskew.....	100	72 12			
Bristol Station.....	David Sullins.....	380	360 00	11 75	34 75	33 00
Bristol Circuit.....	W. H. Barnes.....	550	250 22	6 65	28 40	16 50
Saltville Circuit.....	W. D. Mitchell.....	500	325 78		20 35	40 50
Lebanon Circuit.....	F. A. Farley.....	700	400 00	4 00	110 00	25 00
Dickinsonville Circuit.....	W. P. Doane.....	400	263 80	2 50	40 00	8 00
Gladeville Circuit.....	F. P. McGee.....					
Estillyville Circuit.....	J. H. Torbett.....	600	413 84	4 00	10 00	15 00
McClure Mission.....	Joseph B. Davis.....					
Total		4,910	3,513 78	60 20	473 45	248 00
JONESBORO DISTRICT.	Grinsfield Taylor.....	600	462 45			
Jonesboro Station.....	J. L. M. French.....	500	513 90	12 47	44 48	19 59
Jonesboro Circuit.....	H. P. Waugh.....	500	375 00	11 20	72 65	
Rheatown Circuit.....	A. J. Frazier.....	500	500 00	5 00	47 50	38 00
Greeneville Circuit.....	M. L. Clendenen.....	440	205 87	10 00	6 65	15 00
Blountville Circuit.....	J. M. Crismond.....	500	325 00	16 50	151 00	15 00
Fall Br'h cta H'rse c'km.	J. M. Wolfe.....	201	161 00		2 45	
Newport Circuit.....	James Mahoney.....	400	250 04	6 50	20 55	30 00
Watauga Circuit.....	G. W. Simpson.....	150	150 00		6 00	
St. Clair Circuit.....	W. B. Barnett.....	500	228 50	5 00	32 50	14 50
Total		4,291	3,171 76	66 67	383 78	131 09

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—1873.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BY WHOM SERVED.	Amount of Claim	Amount Paid.	Amount Conference Coll'd'n	Amount Missisry Collec'n	Amount S. School Exp'n's.
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.	F. Richardson.....	\$800	\$635 67			
Morrist'n & Mossyc'r'k sta	Richard N. Price.....	700	597 30	\$21 60	\$83 00	\$60 00
" "	Jas. Atkins, jr.....	390	255 98			
Morristown Circuit.....	Jos. L. McGhee.....	500	277 00	17 85	30 00	15 00
Morristown Circuit.....	D. H. Atkins.....					
Rutledge Circuit.....	Jacob Smith.....	400	220 00	10 00	13 00	18 75
Rogersville Circuit.....	W. H. Dawn.....	300	150 90	14 00	17 00	
Rye Cove Circuit.....	John C. Runyan.....	300	178 50	2 00	12 60	54 50
Jonesville Circuit.....	Phillip S. Sutton.....	700	500 00	6 00	44 50	75 00
Powell's Valley Circuit.....	D. R. Smith.....	600	377 46		20 00	16 25
Tazewell Circuit.....	Charles B. Fugate.....	400	180 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Kingsport Circuit.....	L. C. Delashmit.....	600	224 07	5 00	11 00	13 75
Total		5700	3596 88	81 45	233 10	258 25
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.	John M. McTeer.....	950	900 00	9 50		
Knoxville (Church St.) sta	R. H. Parker.....	1000	1000 00	40 00	102 00	241 00
Knoxville (Broad St.) sta	George D. French.....	600	600 00	15 50	23 50	176 10
Knoxville City Mission	Jacob R. Payne.....	800	523 55		6 50	18 55
Kuox and Lenoir Circuit	S. R. Wheeler.....	600	338 06	20 00	65 00	
Maryville & Louisville et	G. W. K. Green.....	600	448 54	20 20	121 12	132 00
Clinton Circuit.....	N. W. Vaughan.....	225	175 59	3 75	26 35	6 00
Maynardville Circuit.....	T. R. Hand'y.....	225	226 00		41 00	
Jacksboro Circuit.....	Chas. K. Miller.....	500	339 88	26 00	59 40	262 80
Jacksboro Circuit.....	K. C. Atkins.....	200	144 86			
Dandridge Circuit.....	T. T. Salyer.....	275	258 90	20 00	87 85	45 00
Dandridge Circuit.....	J. H. Kennedy.....	150	143 00			
Sevierville Circuit.....	F. W. D. Mays.....	300	300 00		12 40	
Total		6425	5398 38	148 95	545 12	881 45
ATHENS DISTRICT.	Carroll Long.....	700	531 31			
Athens Station.....	L. K. Haynes.....	600	550 06	4 15	18 50	25 65
Athens Circuit.....	D. H. Carr.....	500	401 06	10 00	30 75	45 00
Sweetwater Circuit.....	W. W. Pyott.....	450	370 00	6 25	52 05	50 00
Philadelphia Circuit.....	J. H. Keith.....	600	466 62		10 00	190 00
Madisonville Circuit.....	J. T. Smith.....	400	231 74	5 00		13 00
Decatur Circuit.....	R. A. Giddens.....	400	272 00	3 55	12 00	14 00
Riceville Circuit.....	W. D. Mountcastle.....	300	210 00	2 50	9 35	22 00
Tennessee River Mission	E. L. Barrett.....	200	150 00			
Telico Mission.....	J. R. Hixon.....	200	122 50			
Total		4250	3305 17	31 45	131 65	359 65
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.	James Atkins, sr.....	1000	612 88			
Chattanooga Station.....	W. W. Bays.....	1100	796 00	70 00	100 70	61 00
Chattanooga Circuit.....	Return J. Only.....	250	125 00	10 00	3 50	
South Chattanooga Mis'n	B. O. Davis.....	600	510 00	9 00	10 00	
Cleveland Station.....	L. L. H. Carlock.....	600	524 75	17 60	20 00	18 75
Cleveland Circuit.....	A. T. Brooks.....	400	211 00	7 50	13 50	12 00
Charleston & Calhoun sta	W. C. Carden.....	500	416 00	6 10	4 75	22 00
Etna Circuit.....	J. M. Keener.....	300	113 00	7 75	3 00	
Trenton Circuit.....	E. H. Bogle.....	430	152 20	5 00		
Benton Circuit.....	John P. Dickey.....	100	40 00	3 10	7 00	
Total		5280	3500 88	136 05	161 45	116 75



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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—1873.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BY WHOM SERVED.	Amount of Claim.	Amount			
			Paid.	Conference Collection.	Mission'ry Collection.	S. School Expenses.
PIKEVILLE DISTRICT...	W. W. Neal.....	\$525	350 00			
Pikeville Circuit.....	J. R. Stradley.....	500	153 46	\$6 00	\$12 00	\$25 00
Jasper Circuit.....	Geo. T. Gray.....	400	600 00	7 00	75 00	100 00
Washington Circuit.....	S. T. M. McPherson	375	191 31	3 50	16 00	30 00
Hamilt'n ct& Chick'a mis	T. P. Darr.....	225	127 75		5 00	10 00
Kingston Circuit.....	G. W. Renfro.....	500	152 54	7 29	8 20	3 75
Spencer Mission.....	E. W. Marsh.....	280	280 00	95		5 25
Tracy City Mission.....	J. W. Smith.....	200	200 00			6 00
Jamest'n & Wartburg mis	J. A. Bilderback...	200	109 25	1 00		3 00
Sulphur Springs Circuit	S. Philips.....	500	128 00	42 00	40 00	50 00
Altamont Mission.....	W. S. Brown.....	100	28 00			4 00
Total		3,805	2,320 31	67 65	156 20	236 60
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT...	Wm. Robeson.....	1000	582 84			
Asheville Station.....	John Boring.....	1000	800 00	30 00	160 00	113 00
Ashville Circuit.....	G. W. Martin.....	400	225 00	3 00	112 75	21 00
Reynold's, & B. Dam sta.	John Reynolds.....				5 00	
Sulphur Springs Circuit	J. W. Bird.....	500	239 66	2 50	72 00	
Brevard Circuit.....	T. J. Pope.....	500	303 16	15 00	35 00	
Hendersonville Circuit	W. M. Kerr.....	425	219 47	16 25	30 40	5 00
Catawba Circuit.....	W. H. Cooper.....	400	265 65	1 00	22 20	7 5
Burnsville Circuit.....	J. M. McCampbell.....	400	136 19	4 00	11 00	
Bakersville Circuit.....	A. E. Woodward.....	300	166 00	2 00	15 00	23 00
Marshall ct & P. Cr'k mis	R. E. Smith.....	225	170 23	2 25	10 50	15 00
Total		5,150	3,108 20	76 00	473 85	177 75
FRANKLIN DISTRICT...	J. W. Bowman.....	750	609 00			
Franklin Circuit.....	W. H. Bates.....	750	416 00	22 50	35 00	29 60
Murphy Circuit.....	B. R. Wilburn.....	300	107 00		5 85	25 00
Mine City Station.....	J. S. W. Neel.....	500	322 00	3 00	12 00	10 00
Webster Circuit.....	H. J. Morgan.....	370		2 00	1 50	10 50
Waynesville Circuit.....	C. E. Wiggins.....	500	377 05	16 80	35 00	69 70
Waynesville Circuit.....	(Jun. pr.)	100	75 41			
Echota (Indian) Mission	J. R. Long.....	400	400 00			
Hayesville Circuit.....	T. F. Glenn.....	500	331 19	8 00	31 50	43 10
Charlestown Mission.....	P. P. McLean.....				7 50	
Cheoah Mission.....						
Total		4,170	2,628 65	52 30	128 35	187 30

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Missionary Collection.	Conference Collection.	Bishop's Fund.	S. School Expenses.
Wytheville District.....	\$5307	\$4122 84	\$171 55	\$80 50	\$70 00	\$384
Jeffersonville District.....	3800	2488 07	196 24	66 45	55	206 05
Abingdon District.....	4910	3513 73	473 45	60 20	77 80	248
Jonesboro District.....	4291	3171 76	383 78	66 67	80	131 09
Morristown District.....	5700	3596 88	233 10	81 45	70	258 25
Knoxville District.....	6425	5393 38	545 12	148 95	86 50	881 45
Athens District.....	4350	3305 17	131 65	31 45	52 25	359 65
Chattanooga District.....	5280	3500 83	161 45	136 05	49	116 75
Pikeville District.....	3805	2320 31	156 20	67 65	30	236
Asheville District.....	5150	3108 20	473 85	76	72 90	177 75
Franklin District.....	4170	2628 65	128 35	52 30	28	187 30
Grand total.....	53188	37154 82	3354 74	867 67	671 45	3186 29

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—SUPPLEMENTAL.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTIONS.		ASSESSMENTS—1874.		
	Conference Collection 1873.	Bishop's Collection 1873.	Conference Collection	Bishop's Collection	Delegates Expenses Gen. Con.
Wytheville District.....	\$80 50	\$70	\$200	\$70	\$40
Jeffersonville District.....	66 45	55	150	55	25
Abingdon District.....	60 25	77 80	200	70	40
Jonesboro District.....	66 47	80	150	55	30
Morristown District.....	81 45	70	200	70	35
Knoxville District.....	148 95	86 50	200	70	45
Athens District.....	31 45	52 25	150	55	35
Chattanooga District.....	136 05	49	200	70	40
Pikeville District.....	67 65	30	75	30	20
Asheville District.....	76 00	72 90	175	70	30
Franklin District.....	52 30	28	100	35	20
Grand Total.....	\$867 47	\$671 45	\$1700	\$650	\$360

MISSIONARY COLLECTION.

Note the following additions by the Secretary:

Waynesville Circuit, Franklin District.....	\$35.00
City Mission, Knoxville District.....	6.50
Riceville Circuit, Athens District.....	9.35

OUR ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The following advertisements are inserted in the Annual and bear a considerable part of the burden of publication and the readers of the Annual are respectfully requested to read them and consider the claims of the advertisers to their patronage. We specially desire all who are led to patronize the *schools* or *business firms* here advertised, to say we saw your card in the Holston Annual. Some merchants and artisans say it will not pay. We will see. We believe this is a good advertising medium.

It is proper to say, these cards have been carefully solicited and we have no hesitancy in recommending the business firms of Knoxville here presented to the patronage of church members. Some of them are leading members in the several churches. Want of space, owing to the number of cards, prevents special mention.

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